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Post office looks set to become a phone shop

ELY'S Post Office looks set to be turned into a mobile phone shop, Ely News can reveal.

Major mobile phone chain, Phones 4 U, has applied for planning permission to take over the branch in High Street.

The application comes just weeks after post office staff and residents expressed fears that the branch could close – and that Ely would be left without a post office.

But a spokeswoman for Post Office Ltd says the company is "committed" to maintaining a post office service in Ely and that the branch will be relocated if and when Phones 4 U takes over.

Bosses at Phones 4 U have applied to change the

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signage at the branch.

Just weeks ago, post office staff admitted they were worried about the future of the branch and that they "hadn't got a clue" what the future held.

Lloyds Pharmacy is contracted to manage the post office but it has applied for planning permission to relocate from High Street to St Mary's Surgery – which is what sparked the fears about its possible closure.

Speaking last month, Lloyds said it was working to find an "alternative provider" for the post office.

One post office employee

said: "We haven't got a clue what's happening.

"Obviously we're worried as we might lose our jobs. We're just taking each day as it comes and hoping that another provider will come forward."

But a spokeswoman for Post Office Ltd said: "We are aware that the agent which operates Ely Post Office has expressed an interest in leaving and that the premises will be withdrawn from post office use later this year.

"Customers should be assured that the Post Office Ltd is committed to maintaining a post office service in Ely and we will soon be in a position to announce our public consultation about the relocation of this branch."



Tricks and flips on wheels

BMX, skateboard and scooter riders were in their element at the annual Parklife competition in Soham at the weekend.

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Woman found in lake still not named

A WOMAN whose body was discovered in a lake near Stretham has still not been formally identified.

Search teams recovered the woman's body from a section of water off Holt Fen on the evening of Sunday, August 4.

The search was prompted by reports that a woman had gone missing after the dog she had been walking returned to Stretham without her.

It is said locally that the woman was local and that she fell into the water while out walking the dog.

Police say the woman's death is not being treated as suspicious and that the file has been passed to the coroner.

An inquest has yet to be officially opened, hence the woman cannot yet be formally identified.

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Balloon release raises hundreds for sick children



UP AND AWAY: Children joined Virgin Holidays' staff for the balloon release outside Ely Cathedral

A SPONSORED balloon release has raised hundreds of pounds to help make terminally ill children's dreams come true.

Staff at Virgin Holidays in Ely held the event in the grounds of Ely Cathedral to raise money for the company's charity of the year, Dreams Come True.

The charity aims to bring joy to terminally and seriously ill children and over the last 25 years, the charity has brought happiness to more than 5,000 children as well as their friends, families and carers.

Dozens of people turned out to help staff release a total of 150 purple and orange balloons - the colours of the charity's logo - into the sky.

Many also sponsored a balloon, helping to raise over £800 for the charity.

A spokeswoman for Virgin Holidays in Ely said: "Our balloon release went really well and we're delighted with how much money we've raised for Dreams Come True."

"The charity does fantastic work with seriously ill children and their families across the country and we'd like to thank everyone in Ely who has supported us."

People can still support the charity by visiting the Virgin Holidays branch at Sainsbury's, in Lisle Lane.

Visit www.dreamscometrue.uk.com for more information.

It could have been me, says woman beaten by murderer

BY JAMES CAMPBELL AND
CHRIS HAVERGAL

AN elderly woman who was beaten up with her own walking stick has spoken of her shock at discovering her attacker had murdered Chattering pensioner Llywelyn Thomas just weeks earlier.

Angela Mayger, who was brutally assaulted by Gary Smith two months after he killed the widowed farmer, said: "But for the grace of God, that could have been me."

The 74-year-old was hit around the head twice with her stick and punched in the face in February last year when she refused to hand over her car keys to Smith, who had burst into her home in East Yorkshire.

She was left with concussion and severe bruising.

Smith, 21, and his nephew Frankie Parker, 26, were jailed for life after they were found guilty at Cambridge Crown Court of battering Mr Thomas to death with a crowbar in his own home.

Smith will serve a minimum of 22 years, while Parker will serve at least 24 years.

Mrs Mayger, a widow, said she had felt "a chill in her heart" after reading about what Smith had done.

She said: "It is very chilling to think he had already killed before he attacked me."

"But for the grace of God, that could have been me. I didn't realise what had happened until much later."

"I remember reading about the Cambridgeshire murder at the time but had no idea it was the same person who had attacked me."

"I just feel so relieved now, as he could easily have done the same to me. I maybe survived because it was only a walking stick rather



SHOCKED: Angela Mayger, above, at her home where she was brutally attacked by Gary Smith, the murderer of Llywelyn Thomas. Left, pictured shortly after the assault



Smith has now been given a long prison term.

She said: "I feel so sorry for the son of Mr Thomas."

"But I know Smith is now staying in prison for a long time. He was already serving five years for the attack on me."

"At least now I know he can't do this to someone else."

Mrs Mayger has spent the past year and a half trying to piece her life together again.

She added: "I don't want this experience to beat me, but I admit reading about this has brought it back."

"He was a strong young man and had been a hardened criminal from an early age. I just remember his terrible eyes, he was so angry. I saw them again staring at me when I read about the murder. It made me feel awful."

than a crowbar. It doesn't bear thinking about."

Smith, originally of Bridlington but most recently living at a travellers' site in Fen Road, Chesterton, and Parker, of Nene Road, Ely, denied murdering Mr Thomas in December 2011.

But both men were convicted by a jury after less than two hours of deliberations.

Mrs Mayger said she was pleased

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Lake in Mepal still closed to public due to toxic algae

TOXIC algae is still present in a lake at Mepal Outdoor Centre meaning the water is still out of bounds to the public.

Earlier this month staff at the centre spotted algae on the surface of the 20-acre lake and the Environment Agency (EA) was called in. Tests confirmed there were "significant levels" of toxic blue-green algae in the water - an algae which can cause rashes and vomiting, if swallowed, to humans.

EA officers re-visited the site on Friday and confirmed that levels of toxicity were still present.

The lake is still closed to members of the public and dog walkers are being urged to keep their pets away.

An EA spokesman said: "The most recent samples from Mepal Outdoor Centre were taken on Friday.

"They had levels of toxicity associated with the presence of blue-green algae. That means we still advise that people stay out of the water and that dogs are also kept away."

Give ballroom dancing a go!

A TASTE of Strictly Come Dancing is coming to Ely thanks to a local dance school.

Octagon Dance Studios, based in High Street, has welcomed a new teacher who specialises in ballroom and Latin American dance.

Evan Jeposa, 39, has moved there from the Wimbledon Dance Academy in London and will be running classes from September onwards.

Evan, who has moved to the city with his partner, Lola Gilbert, said: "I'm really excited to start teaching at Octagon Dance Studios and really love Ely.

"I'm from South Africa but have been living in England for around 12 years and have been dancing for 10 years.

"I came to Ely from the Wimbledon Dance Studios and I'm looking forward to teaching people Latin American and ballroom dance in Ely."

Kate Marshall, who founded the dance studios, said: "We're constantly getting calls from people wanting to learn Latin American and ballroom dancing so that's why I decided to take Evan on.

"Evan's classes will be starting in September and will be for both children and adults.

"Dates, times and all those sort of details are yet to be confirmed but we want anyone who is interested to express an interest as soon as possible." Call (01353) 661919.



NEW TUTOR: Evan Jeposa, who teaches ballroom and Latin American, pictured with Josie Shipp, 19, a student at Vocational College in London and student and teacher at Octagon Dance Studios

Three men arrested after brawl at wedding

TWO men from Ely were arrested after a fight broke out at a wedding reception.

Police were called to a disturbance at the wedding at Rowley Mile racecourse in Newmarket at around 11.45pm on Saturday.

The revellers turned on officers and police confirmed that a 25-year-old man and a 49-year-old man, both from Ely, were arrested on suspicion of causing an affray and assaulting a police officer at the venue.

Both were taken to Bury St Edmunds Police Investigation Centre for questioning and have been bailed until September 24.

A third man is at West Suffolk Hospital after he was injured in the fight but he was also arrested on suspicion of causing an affray.

Guests were treated by the ambulance service for minor injuries, and further reports of minor assaults are being investigated. Anyone with information should call Suffolk Police on 101.

Anger as Ely left out of cycling cash handouts

CYCLING in Cambridgeshire might have secured an £8.2 million boost - but the Ely area will not benefit in any way.

The news has sparked anger from members of the Ely Cycling Campaign, who say the city is "always missing out" when it comes to cycling.

It was announced on Monday that Cambridge is one of eight places in the UK to secure a share of £17 million funding after Central Government backed the bid to increase the proportion of trips made by bicycle from 22 per cent to 40 per cent.

The money will be shared between Cambridge, Manchester, Leeds, Birmingham, Newcastle, Bristol, Oxford and Norwich.

Ministers have agreed to provide Cambridge with £4.1 million, which will be match funded by the county council. However, no improvements look set to be made in the Ely area.

Andy Shaw, chairman of the Ely Cycling Campaign, said: "As ever, Ely will be missing out when it comes to cycling and we're very disappointed.

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"It's not really anybody's fault as the money is tied to certain projects and partnerships but it's fair to say Ely never gets a look in when it comes to cycling facilities or funding.

"It just seems so unfair as there are so many improvements we need to make in order to promote cycling in the Ely area and to make cycling here safer.

"Projects like improving cycling on Back Hill towards Ely Station, which is an extremely busy cycling route, would benefit hugely from this funding as it is currently dangerous.

"We'd also love to see better cycling routes between Ely and Soham and its surrounding vil-

lages as they are remote communities which always miss out."

In Cambridge, the funding will be used to create segregated cycle lanes on both sides of Hills Road, between Cherry Hinton Road and Long Road, with a width of 2.1m, while there will be a single lane of the same width on the citybound side of Huntingdon Road, between Girton and Storeys Way.

A Trumpington Road lane will run along the southbound side.

The funding will also help to deliver the long-awaited Chisholm trail cycle route, which will hug the railway line from Cambridge Science Park to Addenbrooke's Hospital, and links to business parks in surrounding villages. Outside the city, commuters will also benefit from new cycle route.

Mr Shaw said: "It's always Cambridge that benefits when it comes to cycling and so many surrounding areas miss out."

Cllr Ian Bates, the county council's cabinet member for growth and planning, said the funding could deliver a "step change" in cycling in the county.

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Van driver knocks over lamppost

A VAN driver was left red-faced after his dodgy manoeuvre toppled a lamp post in Ely's Market Place. The vehicle was attempting to reverse across the square when it hit the bottom of the lamppost, pushing it over. The post, near to Card Factory and Tucker Gardner, was tended to by workers who cordoned off the area before dismantling it. The incident happened just before midday on Monday, August 12. A witness said: "I can't believe he didn't see it behind him." The van driver then reversed to one side of the post and drove off. Most of the lamppost has now been removed, and the bottom portion has been covered with warning tape.

REVERSE: The lamppost in the market place was cordoned off after being hit by a van on Monday

School opening will be delayed

PARENTS say they are disappointed that a new primary school will not be completed in time for the start of the new term. Families in Soham were hoping the town's new Shade Primary School would be finished in time for their children to start there this September. But a series of delays in the building of the £5 million new facility, including a bomb scare, means the new school might not be up and running until January next year. In the meantime, those children due to start at The Shade's Reception class in September will be learning in mobile classrooms at the town's Weatheralls Primary School, in Pratt Street. Lisa Gregory, head teacher at The Shade, said the new school will be "well worth the wait". But one parent, who did not want to be named, said: "We're really disappointed. "We were told the new school would be ready in time for the start of the new term but now the

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children are going to be based in mobile classrooms at The Weatheralls. "These mobile classrooms are used far too often and it's just such a shame that we're going to have quite a few months before the children can move into the finished school. "It just seems we're always promised things and then they never happen." Ms Gregory, who left her post as deputy head at St Andrew's Primary School in Soham to become the school's first head teacher, said: "The aim is to move into the new building in January 2014. "With spacious classrooms, superb facilities and an outstanding outdoor area, it will be well worth the wait." As previously reported, it was in

February that the building of the new school had to be postponed after a resident raised an alarm that explosive materials could have been in the ground. It proved to be a false alert but still held the project up by a few weeks. A spokesman for Cambridgeshire County Council said: "The Shade is initially going to open in temporary accommodation at The Weatheralls Primary School. "This is because of unexpected additional groundwork which had to be done on the site of The Shade. "Following discussions with the school's trust, Cllr David Harty, Cllr James Palmer and the local schools, it was agreed that mobile accommodation on The Weatheralls site was the best option for securing the school's opening on September 1 as planned."

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Horse box crashes into notorious railway bridge

A HORSE box crashed into Ely's notorious railway bridge – causing chaos for motorists. Police and Network Rail were called to the low bridge in Station Road just after midday on Monday and arrived to find the horse box wedged underneath it. According to police, there was at least one horse inside the vehicle at the time.

A police spokesman said: "The horse box was stuck underneath the bridge and had to be released. There was at least one horse inside the vehicle at the time of the accident but no animals, nor the driver of the horse box, were injured." Traffic was diverted via the overpass while recovery crews worked to remove the horse box.

The incident caused lengthy delays in both directions on the A142. Despite fluorescent warning signs and red flashing lights alerting motorists to the height restrictions, the bridge is regularly hit by large vehicles. The bridge has even been named as one of the UK's most crashed-into bridges in recent surveys.

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Cause of riverbank fire unknown

AN area of riverbank caught fire in Soham. Firefighters were called to the blaze in Great Fen Road at around 9.30pm on Sunday and arrived to find a grass area well alight. Crews used hose reels to extinguish the flames and returned to their base by 11pm. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Firefighters cut motorist free

EMERGENCY services were called to a two-vehicle car accident in Witcham Toll. The collision happened outside the Jet service station on the A142 at around 8.20am on Saturday.

Firefighters had to cut one motorist, a man, free from his vehicle using specialist cutting equipment.

Three fire crews, a rescue vehicle, police and the ambulance service attended.

A police spokesman said the accident involved a Nissan Navara and a Volkswagen Passat, and that all motorists involved suffered "slight injuries".

Soham sheds devastated by fire

A MAN had to be treated for smoke inhalation after four sheds caught fire in Soham.

The blaze broke out in Station Road on Friday and destroyed all four sheds, measuring approximately 20m by 20m.

One fire crew from Ely and another crew from Sutton attended the inferno at around 3.40pm and arrived to find the sheds well alight.

A man also had to be treated by firefighters for smoke inhalation.

A spokeswoman for Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service said: "The cause of the fire was accidental, by person."

New homes plans for Wardy Hill

TWO new homes could be built in the village of Wardy Hill.

Mrs Pat Case, of Elwyndene Road, March, has applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to build a pair of semi-detached, two-bedroom houses on land west of 1, Jerusalem Drive.

A decision is expected within eight weeks. Visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk to have your say.



TRICKS GALORE: The Parklife competition in Soham saw skateboarders, BMXers and scooter riders battling it out to win prizes. Left: Paul Masterton, top, and Grem Hall show off their skills

Pictures by David Johnson

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Skills on wheels wow the crowds as Parklife returns

SKATEBOARDERS and BMXers took to the stage in Soham at the weekend.

The annual Parklife competition was held at the town's skate park, in Fountain Lane, on Saturday. Skateboarders, BMX riders and scooter riders from across the Ely area took part in the contest, battling it out with impressive tricks and high flips.

The event was organised by Soham Heritage and Tourism, which is dedicated to bringing members

of the Soham community together, and prizes were awarded to the most impressive competitors.

A spokeswoman for Parklife said: "We had a super day and were really pleased with how many young people came along."

"Registration was just £2 so it wasn't expensive for them to enter and it was fantastic to see what talented skateboarders, BMXers and scooter riders we have in the area."

"Soham Heritage and Tourism is dedicated to bringing members of the local community together and events like Parklife really help to do that when it comes to the younger members of our community."

The contest was judged by members of Team Rubicon, the UK's only Action Sports School, and youngsters were also able to buy Team Rubicon merchandise.

For more information, visit www.teamrubicon.

Clip clop... One man and his horse are trotting on to Ely

ONE man and his horse who are mid-way through an enormous charity trek are expected to trot into Ely today.

Pensioner William Reddaway, from Gloucestershire, set off on his 'Ride Round England' charity expedition in May.

William, a retired manager, is riding his horse, Strider, a whopping 2,500 miles around the UK and visiting all 30 cathedrals and abbeys along the way.

The intrepid duo hope to raise £250,000 for two charities by the time they have completed the gruelling ride, which they hope to complete in November.

William is relying on friends and contacts to put him and

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Strider up during their six-month journey and today they are expected to visit Ely Cathedral.

A cathedral spokeswoman said: "William and Strider's anticipated arrival is 11am."

"What they are doing is astonishing and is raising a lot of money for charity so obviously we are excited to welcome them to Ely Cathedral. It'd be lovely if lots of people came along to support William and Strider on the morning."

William will be riding from Peterborough Cathedral to Ely Cathedral where he will then head off for Norwich.

His arrival in each city is being heralded on his trum-

pet.

Speaking before he started his ride, William said: "The challenge for me is to ride a horse across the country to four corners of England, going through towns and cities, visiting 30 cathedrals and abbeys on the way."

"I wanted to do a circular route and I thought around four corners of England would be fun."

"If you want to raise a lot of money for charity then you need to be visible and you are if you go through lots of towns on a horse, and a hundred years ago all these towns were heaving with horses."

"I chose cathedrals because they are where they were 700-800 years ago and part of the towns."

"I want to make enough noise (I am learning to play the trumpet) to raise that £250,000."

William is raising money for two charities - the Family Holiday Association, a charity which helps hundreds of families in dire circumstances to have a simple break - and Wormwood Scrubs Pony Centre, which brings the transforming power of horses and ponies to inner London children and young people who face physical, mental or social challenges.

To date, he has raised more than £30,000.

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Beware... this species can bite

SWAFFHAM Prior Parish Council, of which I am still a member, recently discussed a paper and plan recently received from the National Trust. The innocuous-looking paper described a 'zoning plan' for the Trust's so-called 'Wicken Vision,' a scheme initiated in 1999 and intended to take over and take in almost all of the fine and productive Fen farmland between Wicken and Cambridge and, more pertinently, about half of the land area of the parish of Swaffham Prior. The council's discussion centred on the so-called 'pink zone' on the 'zoning plan.' In the descriptive text received from the Trust with regard to the 'pink zone' were the following phrases and sentences: 'Lower lying areas with remaining peat may lie wet seasonally or year round'; 'Height of water table in places may mean that access may be limited by dampness'; 'Access encouraged along peripheral routes with viewpoints from hides or higher ground'; 'Attractive for people with an interest in nature conservation and those seeking a 'wilderness' experience.' Parish Councillors realised that these phrases and sentences affected parishioners and farming firms whom they knew. What would Mr X, Mr and Mrs Y and Mr Z think of it all? Would Messrs. A & Sons, the B Farming Company and the C growing group react favourably or otherwise to the Trust's planning and plotting and 'zoning'? Ought the Parish Council to 'do something'? As anticipated, Swaffham Prior Parish Councillors reiterated their previously agreed opposition to the National Trust's so-called 'Wicken Vision.' It is envisaged in future that members of the public, seeking a 'wilderness' experience, visiting the so-called 'Wicken Vision' and viewing the so-called 'pink zone' from peripheral routes and 'hides or higher ground' might sight that rare species, the lesser-spotted web-footed peasant, wading in the wet and weeds but still attempting to do his bit in growing food for himself and the nation. Said peasant would not be best pleased at his plight and with those who had sighted him. It is advised that said viewers beware, for the lesser-spotted web-footed peasant bites.

Geoffrey Woollard
St Andrew's Park
Soham
Ely

I've opted out already

WITH regards to the imposed introduction of the wheelie-bin debate. I would just like to inform your readers, that while talking to one of the council recycling guru's on Saturday, informing him that I do not wish to receive two of their hideous recycling bins, I was duly told that if I did not wish to partake in their grand recycling plan, all I had to do was to contact customer services at East Cambs Council via e-mail or telephone and let them know. This I have done and will therefore not receive any bins and my weekly black bin collection will continue. The Council will obviously not tell you this in their one-sided literature, so if you do not want the wheelie bins, just contact them. **Mr A Arnold**
Ely

Balloons are killers

I WAS dismayed to read that Virgin Holidays is releasing helium balloons for any reason. As well as that Sainsbury's is being part of it, what with their wanting a greener image. It is well known (or perhaps, for some reason, that being that people do not read the news, or are concerned enough about the environment to educate students or themselves, it is not) that helium balloons cause death of marine creatures. Sea turtles mistake them for jellyfish and ingest them, then are unable to digest the materials and this causes their death. Over 100 million animals die in the ocean each year from plastic debris. Some helium



Your Pictures

Christine Howard, of New Close Road, Little Thetford sent us this lovely photo of a group of ducks making their way past The Boathouse Restaurant in Ely last week. "Not one overtook another, each seeming to know its place," she said. "Or they were just following the front one because it looked as though he knew where he was going!" Send us your photos. Email them to: wendy.davey@cambridge-news.co.uk

balloons are made of latex, but this is still dangerous to animals and takes at least six years to break down. It is not only ocean creatures who are killed by balloons; wildlife (deer and birds) have been found dead and upon autopsy, pieces of undigested latex balloons have been found in their digestive tract, that have created a blockage and resulted in their death. Wisely so, it is illegal to release balloons in Plymouth, UK, many places in Australia, and in the USA, it is illegal to release any balloons that are not quickly biodegradable (five minutes) in a half dozen states and some major cities. It is a shame it is not illegal in the rest of the UK, or the world, for that matter. I strongly suggest Virgin Holidays, Sainsburys, and the Dreams Come True charity find a greener and safer method of celebrating getting donations. I really don't think releasing balloons is imperative to getting a message across, except that one is vastly irresponsible. **Mrs B Ashton**
Main Street
Witchford

Just stop spending!

I FEEL compelled to comment on your recent front page news, 'Council must make savings of nearly £1 million' because in my view it should not be necessary. Cllr Roberts states: "We take solace from how prudent financial management (of money)...". If they were that clever they would not be in the position of having to claim poverty in the first place. Their other statement that refers to getting the best value for money is also in serious doubt when you consider what it is being wasted on and which also puts their employees' jobs at risk. They have earmarked 14 large scale projects. Oh wonderful! Trouble is, they want to borrow millions to pay for them – have they located a secret source of funds that is interest free? It would make much more sense to either put these expensive projects on hold or to utilize the money they have squandered away into high interest, foreign bank accounts – or is this being saved to pay for huge bonuses,

golden handshakes and gold plated pension pots? **Mr B Colling**
Cathedral View Park
Witchford

Get it done right first time
IT has come to my notice what East Cambs District Council is doing with our money – we are paying twice to get one job done with consultant's fees on top of builders' fees and they are saying it saves money. If these people that the council employs can not do the job then let's get rid of them and employ someone that can do the job. This surely cannot keep going on. When I was in charge of building jobs I had a notice on my table that said: THE BUCK STOPS HERE. **Eddie Holden**
Ely Road
Little Downham

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Cycle ride in memory of baby Javey

A MUM-of-three has raised more than £3,000 for charity in memory of her baby son.

Mandy Ashman, 50, was left devastated when her son, Javey, died aged just 10 weeks.

Javey was born on February 21, 1991, four weeks premature and despite the best efforts of Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) and the Rosie Hospital in Cambridge, he died.

He was born with Moebius Syndrome – a rare congenital neurological disorder.

Javey also had another condition which meant he had no swallowing mechanism and he had a small curvature of the spine which meant one of his lungs could never fully inflate.

Mandy has three other

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sons, Josh, 24, Sam, 21, and Matt, 15, but she felt she wanted to do something in Javey's memory and earlier this month she took part in the GOSH Children's Charity Ride London.

The intrepid challenge saw Mandy cycling 100 miles around the capital, and she had to complete it in just nine hours.

Mandy, who lives with her partner, Robert Carr and sons in Witchford, not only reached the finish line in under nine hours but has also raised around £3,300 for GOSH – despite pledging to raise only £750. She said: "I knew it would be a challenge but I didn't expect it to be as tough as it was."

"Put it this way, I ached so much after the ride that I

couldn't attend my Pilates class all last week.

"I can't describe how pleased I am to have raised over £3,000 as I'd only set out to raise around £750. I'd like to thank everyone who has helped me do that."

Mandy added: "I was quite emotional when I finished the ride. Javey died a long while ago but I still want to do things in his memory and obviously GOSH played a huge part in our lives."

"At one stage I really believed Javey would be coming home. Sadly this was not to be and after a huge battle he died in our arms. Despite this loss I am very lucky to have three sons all of whom are in fine health."

To sponsor Mandy, visit www.justgiving.com/Mandy-Ashman.

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PEDAL POWER: Mandy Ashman, from Witchford, has raised more than £3,000 for charity in memory of her baby son

NEWS IN BRIEF

New homes for Cambridge Road

TWO new homes could be built in Ely's Cambridge Road.

Azzam Sawalhi wants to build two semi-detached houses on land adjacent to his home and has applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission.

A decision is expected within eight weeks. Visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk to have your say.

Plans to refurb village property

A PROPERTY in Haddenham could be given a new lease of life.

East Cambridgeshire District Council has received plans for 28, Church Lane, to be converted into two three-bedroom homes.

The proposals, submitted by Jonathan Donovan, of Nunhead, London, involve demolishing a single storey rear lean-to and outbuilding at the site and replacing them with a new two storey rear extension and part single storey rear extension.

He also wants to renew the roof, doors and windows and refurbish the inside of the building to create the two separate homes. The plans involve providing private parking to the rear.

A decision is expected within eight weeks. Visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk to view the plans.

Mobile home for land in Soham

A MOBILE home could be sited on land in Soham.

Susan Burbridge, of Chapel Lane, wants to put the mobile home on land at 41, Great Fen Road, and has applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council to change the use of the land.

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Raymond Baker (Bunny)

Jean and family of the late Bunny, would like to express their sincere gratitude for all the support, letters and cards received of sympathy following their recent sad loss.

They would also like to send their appreciation to everybody who kindly gave donations towards Addenbrooke's Charitable Funds for Wards ICU and C6 and also The First Responders, and helped raise a total of £912.

Please acknowledge this as our very sincere and grateful thanks.

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Deaths

BRUMBY. Olive (Jean) passed away suddenly on Sunday, 4th August, 2013, aged 81 years. Dearly loved wife of Peter, loving mum to Sue and Stephen, mother-in-law to Di and Graham and nan to Matthew and Anthony. The funeral will be held at St Mary's Church, Ely, on Friday, 16th August, 2013, at 12.15pm. Family flowers only, donations in aid of Addenbrooke's Renal Unit may be sent to Ely Funeral Service, 30 Forehill, Ely, CB7 4AF. Tel: 01353 880555. Cheques payable to Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust.

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UNVEILED: The sculpture outside the Babylon Gallery in Ely

Ely sculpture is unveiled

A NEW sculpture inspired by young people and the London Olympics has been unveiled in Ely.

The stone sculpture was created as part of a national project called 'Winning Words' which encouraged young people to produce poems and raps that embodied the spirit of last year's Olympics.

Local arts organisation Arts Development in East Cambridgeshire (ADEC) held workshops in Littleport last summer as part of the initiative, which saw professional rapper Cire helping to inspire local youngsters.

One of the raps, 'All It Takes Is Belief', written by Stephen and Jay, was performed when the Paralympic Flame visited Ely last August and an extract from it has now been carved into a round stone which has

been positioned by the Babylon Gallery, in Waterside.

The gallery is not only where ADEc is based but is also where the Paralympic Flame first arrived along the river on its journey into Ely. The carving has been produced by professional stone carver Tom Perkins, whose work can also be seen in Buckingham Palace.

Caroline Cawley, a spokeswoman for ADEc, said: "This project has been really exciting and the sculpture is stunning. The stone has been designed to represent a vinyl record with the text circling around the centre and we are delighted to have finally unveiled it to the public."

Ely's deputy mayor, Elizabeth Every, unveiled the sculpture in Jubilee Gardens when a selection of bands and rappers also performed.

Hundreds to take part in Ely Monster Triathlon

HUNDREDS of triathletes will be putting their stamina to the test in Ely on Sunday.

The Eastern Counties Finance Monster Triathlon is being held and around 350 people are expected to take part.

The challenge involves a 1.9km swim in the River Great Ouse, a 52-mile bike ride through the villages of Pymoor, Little Downham, Coveney and Witchford before returning to Jubilee Gardens in Ely to complete 13 miles of running.

The triathlon will be followed by an inaugural Monster Olympic event

which will cover a shorter distance of a 1.5km swim, 42km bike and 12km run along the same route. The race headquarters and finish line will be in Jubilee Gardens.

Ely's High Street and roads surrounding the Market Place will be closed to traffic during the event.

3at3 Delicatessen, in Three Cups Walk, is also hosting a special pasta party for competitors the night before the event to make sure they have plenty of energy on the day.

Visit www.monsterracing.net for more information.

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Summer fun at Denny Abbey

YOUNGSTERS are being invited to become detectives for the day at the Denny Abbey Farmland Museum.

The event, entitled 'The Mystery of The Abbey', is being held at the museum today as part of its summer holiday activity programme. Arts and crafts and historic days are also being held throughout the summer break.

Call (01223) 860988 or visit www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk for more information.

Take a guided tour around Ely

GET out into the fresh air and learn more about Ely this summer.

The city's tourist information office is holding guided tours around Ely every Saturday and Sunday throughout August.

The walks start from the tourist office, in St Mary's Street, at 11.30am each week, and cost £3.50 each.

Call (01353) 662062.

Learn all about bats in Welney

DISCOVER more about bats on Saturday.

Bat expert Bill Landells is hosting a special talk and walk at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT) in Welney.

Running from 7.30-10.30pm, the event includes an informative talk and a night time walk around the reserve to watch and listen for the nocturnal creatures.

Call (01353) 860711 for more information.

Fun for all at village museum

THERE will be fun for all the family at Prickwillow Drainage Engine Museum on Sunday.

The museum, in Main Street, Prickwillow, is holding a special stationary engines and vintage tractors day from 11am onwards.

Visitors will be able to browse a variety of indoor and outdoor exhibits of model engines, as well as working Meccano models, plus there will be children's activities and food.

Admission is £4 for adults, £3 for concessions and £1.50 for children. Call (01353) 688360.

Wartime activities in Ely today

THE Second World War is the theme of a family fun day at Ely Museum today.

Running from 11am-3pm, there will be wartime children's activities such as knitting and toy making.

Ann Jarman, from the Old Fire Engine Restaurant, will also be running wartime talks and demonstrations at the museum at 11.30am and 2pm.

Admission is £3.50 for adults, £2.50 for concessions and £1 for children. Call (01353) 666655.

Animal magic at city's library

CHILDREN can meet lizards, snakes and even meerkats at Ely Library today.

The Animal Experience is visiting the library, in The Cloisters, from 10.30-11.30am. The event is also being held next Thursday from 2-3pm.

Tickets are £3 for one child and one adult or £5 for two children and one adult.

Wood will be star of the show

THE Ely Guild of Woodturners are holding their annual exhibition and sale in the city this month. The event, entitled Art in Wood, is being held at the Cathedral Centre, on Palace Green, and opens on Saturday.

It is running until Monday, August 26, is open from 10am-5pm each day and admission is free.





HISTORY LESSON: Dr David Barrowclough, who lives in Ely, pictured with the new book

New book brings Ely's past to life

TWO historians have joined forces and written a book about the fascinating history of the Ely area. 'Ely: the Hidden History' has been written by Dr David Barrowclough, an archaeologist at the University of Cambridge, and Kate Morrison Ayres, former curator of Ely Museum.

The history-loving duo noticed there was plenty of information available about the Ely area's history and archaeology – but that it was

scattered across several museums and libraries.

They decided to gather all that information, and do even more digging, and after more than a year working on the project, their book has now been published.

The 224-page book, which boasts colour and black-and-white photographs and maps, tells the story of Ely from its pre-historic origins, through early settlements, to the modern city.

The monumental Neolithic burial chamber excavated at Haddenham and early Bronze Age burials from Sutton are also presented in the book for the first time, plus it includes the findings from Channel 4's Time Team excavation of the medieval Broad Street in Ely, and the history of the famous Littleport riots of 1816.

The book, published by The History Press, is now available, priced at £17.99.

Sponsors are sought for new school

SPONSORS are being sought to help set up and run Ely's new primary school.

The multi-million pound new school, which will open temporarily next September, is being built on land to the north of Cam Drive, where thousands of new homes will soon be built.

The facility will initially cater for 30 reception aged children.

Intake will then increase to 60 reception aged children a year later, with the school growing accordingly to cater for a maximum of 630 children.

As previously reported, the school is being built to cater for the growing community of North Ely and will include early years and childcare provision.

Cambridgeshire County Council's cabinet agreed

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last month to build the school temporarily on the site and to have the facilities up and running by next September.

There were two other options presented to cabinet. One was to use spare classrooms at Ely St Mary's School and the other was to site the facilities temporarily in the grounds of Ely College. Members followed the recommendation and agreed to get the school up and running in the north of the city.

The building costs, projected to cost £7.6 million, are being funded in full by Cambridgeshire County Council.

A council spokesman said: "Given that the timing of the future expansion of the school will be linked to the pace of housing

development in the area, there will be a requirement for flexibility in terms of class organisation and management as the school grows.

"The school will provide community access to the school buildings for a range of organisations. The school will also be required to provide access to early years and childcare on the school site five days a week, 48 weeks a year, to meet the community's needs."

Anyone interested in establishing the new school should visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies/ and search 'New primary school in Ely'. Application forms must be submitted by September 23, 2013.

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Coach hire firm set to become training centre

A COACH hire company's hopes of becoming a specialist training centre have been made a reality thanks to a surprise decision by councillors.

Bosses at Greys of Ely applied for planning permission to expand their headquarters in Common Road, Witchford, in March.

The proposals involved building a new manager's house on site in a bid to boost security and creating a new state-of-the-art training centre to offer staff, other coach companies and freight operators mandatory driver training in-house.

The plans proved to be controversial and last week East Cambridgeshire District Council's planning committee was being recommended to reject them.

But members overturned planning officer

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Yvette Mooney's recommendation and unanimously voted to approve the plans.

Cllr Gareth Wilson, a member of the committee, said: "It's important to support local business as far too many people in East Cambridgeshire commute to London."

"The fact we would be getting more people to Witchford is good news."

Greys were asked to join one of the most prestigious groups in the industry, the Guild of British Coach Operators, last year and is one of only 23 companies in the whole of the UK to hold this accolade.

The company told the committee it had suffered 28 burglaries at the depot during the past two years, and that the new home on

the site would boost security.

The new training centre would not only bring in more local business but also prevent employees from having to travel to Manchester or London for training.

Speaking after the meeting, Richard Grey, managing director of Grey's, said: "I have strived over the past 15 years to build upon the foundations my grandfather and my father have created and the new training facility will offer a further diversification of the business and help us to continue to meet the high standards of service required by the Guild of British Coach Operators."

The firm was founded by Charles Grey in 1946.

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GOT MAIL: Sutton Gault residents show off their new post box

A special delivery as new postbox arrives

RESIDENTS of Sutton Gault were delighted after an antique postbox was put in place to replace an old Victorian model.

Members of the parish council joined Royal Mail Collection Planning Manager

Paul Jeffery to unveil the new box at Sutton Gault on Monday.

The village had asked for the box to be replaced after the 100-year-old box was taken away when its location became unsafe.

Barry Haddock and Gordon Hall wrote to the parish council to see if the box could be returned if a brick pillar was built to house it.

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Almost 400 people call for changes at junction

ALMOST 400 people have signed an online petition calling for traffic lights to be installed at a "highly dangerous" junction.

Ely Sixth-Form College student Courtney Pettifor, 18, only launched the campaign calling for the junction at the bridge in Sandhill, off New River Bank, Littleport, to be made safer around three weeks ago.

But by Monday, more than 390 people had already signed the petition.

As previously reported, Courtney launched the petition as his best friend, Jack Ure, 18, was killed at the junction on June 20.

Villagers have been calling for it to be improved for some time and the issue has been heightened following the death of Jack, who was also a student at Ely Sixth-Form College.

Courtney said: "I'm really pleased with how the petition is going and

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would like to thank everyone for their support so far.

"Traffic lights are needed at this junction to help improve safety. The visibility is poor and the speed is unacceptable along the Branch Bank road, and this has consequently been the cause of two accidents in the past five weeks.

"The T junction in which Victoria Street and Branch Bank meet is highly dangerous as cars are recklessly driving along Branch Bank and visibility is limited so something needs to happen immediately to improve everyone's safety before anyone else gets hurt.

"I propose that traffic lights are installed by that junction to stop any more tragic accidents occurring again.

"No-one wants any-

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more accidents to occur there again, but more importantly no-one wants to lose someone close to them, so it's now up to you (the local government) to sort something out."

In response to rising concern from villagers, Littleport Parish Council has also formed a working party to look at how the junction can be improved.

A spokesman for the county council said: "Road safety is a main priority for the council and we work closely in partnership with the emergency services on measures to reduce casualties. Although it would be inappropriate to comment on the latest accidents while they are being investigated by the police we will look at their findings and take any appropriate action."

To view the petition, visit http://epetition.cambridgeshire.public-itv/epetition_core/view/branchbanktrafflights.



ARTS AND CRAFTS: The children enjoyed the messy fun

Arts and crafts activity day

CHILDREN of all ages enjoyed an afternoon of arts and crafts during the school holidays.

The session, held at Littleport Village Hall, invited budding artists to indulge in some tile and glass painting. Attendees could also try their hand at junk modelling and biscuit decorating.

Organiser Joanne Coe said: "All had so much fun and a lot of mess."

The next session will take place on August 29, at the village hall from 10am until 1pm. Children need to bring their lunch for a picnic break. Entry £1 minimum donation.

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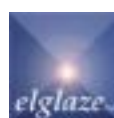


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Race is on for a sporting day

CHILDREN can keep active during the holidays with a sports day masterminded by Ely's mayor.

Elaine Griffin-Singh was inspired by some races held during her Party in the Park in June to organise an afternoon of games for children.

The sports day will take place on August 21 at the Paradise Centre's playing field on Newnham Street, between 1-4pm.

It costs £2.50 for entry to all of the races - and they are not just for the children.

Elaine said: "It's for children aged between four and 12 and the parents as well - and there's quite a lot of races."

The day's events are set to include an egg and spoon race, hurdles and an obstacle course.

Elaine says she'll spend most of the time man-

ning the tea stall and selling tickets for an on-the-day raffle.

All of the proceeds, including the entry money, will go towards the mayor's charities.

She said: "I held some races during Party in the Park and I was surprised at how many kids wanted to do it - but lots of them did it and it was really well done.

"I went to the Paradise Centre and asked about a sports day and they really took it on and have organised everything."

Not even the wet weather can get in the way of the day's activities - the town mayor admits a contingency plan has been put in place.

Elaine said: "It will be moved inside if it's raining, so make sure you come along and have a go."

Summer Saturdays almost over

A FREE music concert will take place in Ely's Market Place on Saturday.

The Summer Saturdays programme was organised by mayor Elaine Griffin-Singh as a way to bring a taste of Covent Garden to the city.

The penultimate concert will start at 6pm and run until 10pm and feature singers, songwriters and performers from across Cambridge including folk festival performers The Staycations.

Elaine said: "I really hope Ely will come and support it because I get a buzz that these musicians are coming from Cambridge to do this."

The concerts were supposed to run throughout the school holidays, but were cut down after noise complaints.

The final performance is scheduled for September 7.

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FUN AND FOOD: Childminder Sue Smith held a fun filled treasure hunt at Tesco in Ely

Children hunt treasure at Tesco

A CHILDMINDER from Ely has found a way to bring fun into food shopping by organising a children's treasure hunt.

Sue Smith, who runs Sweet Peas Childcare, organised the ultimate holiday activity by creating a treasure hunt in Tesco, Ely, with a Foods from Around the World theme.

Mrs Smith organised the event in association with Tesco Community Champion Breda Walton, part of several events in the summer holidays to help network childminders and nannies in the county.

She said: "Distributing clues to each group, the children were encouraged to solve the

questions, whilst moving around the store, all of which had a link to healthy eating and involved the children using their knowledge and skills before moving to the next clue.

"This was a great way for childminders to network whilst providing a fun way of learning for the children."

Search for man over burglary

A MAN with links to Littleport is being sought by police.

Detectives are seeking Thomas Francis Hallissey in relation to a violent burglary in Leicester earlier this year.

The 36-year-old is believed to have information which may assist the police investigation.

Three men broke into a house in Wintersdale Road, Leicester, at around 1pm on Wednesday 6 March this year.

They then threatened a 22-year-old man who was in the house at the time with screwdrivers and a pair of scissors and demanded to know where "the gold" was kept in the house.

ELEANOR DICKINSON

The burglars ransacked rooms inside the house and stole several items of gold jewellery before fleeing when the father of the victim returned home.

Luckily the son was not injured, though was left very shaken by the ordeal.

Police have now issued a picture of Mr Hallissey, whom they believe may be able to help with their inquiries.

Detective constable Yassin Desai from Leicestershire Police said: "This was a frightening experience for the victim and

very traumatic for his family, who have had items of great sentimental worth, not to mention financial value, stolen from them during a violent burglary committed by three very determined offenders."

The Crimestoppers charity has pledged a £1,000 reward for information which leads to the arrest and conviction of the offenders.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact DC 2146 Yassin Desai at Leicestershire Police by telephoning 101.

You can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Wheelie bins get councillors knocking on doors

THE wheelie bin scheme set to hit Ely this September may require a little more persuasion than first thought.

Officers from East Cambridgeshire District Council will be knocking on doors over the next few weeks to discuss waste and recycling with residents.

Having spent last week in

Mepal and Wilburton, the team will be walking up the garden paths in other parts of the district.

Cllr Kevin Ellis, chairman of the waste and environment sub-committee said: "With the introduction of any new service it is really important that we make sure people understand how it works. This is why officers have

visited events, supermarkets and are now knocking on doors in the District. We are doing this to answer any questions people may have as well as ask a few of our own about attitudes to recycling and reuse. We believe the new waste service will not just improve recycling rates but will make life easier for many people."

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SUMMER CONCERT: The Mississippi Jazzmen are coming to Ely on Sunday, August 25. The band will be performing at the bandstand in Jubilee Gardens from 2.30-4.30pm as part of the Ely Summer Riverside Concerts programme. The concert is free and residents are invited to picnic in the gardens while enjoying the performance.

GET CREATIVE: a family glass fusing workshop is being held at Ely's Stained Glass Museum on Wednesday, August 21 as part of the museum's Inspiration and Illumination summer holiday activity programme. The workshop is running from 2-4pm and is suitable for children aged 8 and above. It costs £8.50 per child. Call (01353) 660347.

FILM FANS: Ely Film Society is screening the 2010 film, Chico and Rita, at the Old Palace, on Palace Green, on Monday, August 19. It starts at 7.30pm and new members are welcome. Call (01353) 668639 or (01353) 656959.

KIDS CLUB: children are invited to let off steam at the Kids Club Ely this summer holiday. The club is running daily at the St John's Community Rooms, in St John's Road, from 8am-6pm. Activities include everything from balloon modelling to circus skills. Call 07814 788001.

OLD GAOL: The Old Gaol in Ely is the focus of an exhibition at Ely Museum. The exhibition is running until September 15 and is open from 10.30am-5pm Monday to Saturday and from 1-5pm on Sunday. Call (01353) 666655.

ART SOCIETY: Ely Art Society's summer art exhibition ends on Sunday, August 18. The exhibition is being held at King's Ely's

Hayward Theatre, in The Gallery, and is open from 11am-5pm each day. It closes at 3pm on the final day.

DE-CLUTTER: a car boot sale is held at Ely City Football Club, in Downham Road, every Sunday, weather permitting. Gates open at 7am, pitches are £4 each and entry is 20p per person. Call (01353) 862846.

GET SPIRITUAL: Ely and District SNU Spiritualist Church holds a service with mediumship at the Larkfields Centre, in High Barns, ever Thursday at 7.30pm. Spiritual healing is available from 6.30pm. Call 07769 963850.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Ely's Oxfam shop, in High Street, urgently needs summer clothing and accessories, including women's, men's and children's.

BARGAIN TIME: a garage sale is being held at 7, Gateway Gardens, on Saturday, August 17 from 11am onwards.

CATHEDRAL FUN: children's summer holiday drop-in sessions are being held at Ely Cathedral every Monday and Wednesday throughout August. The sessions run from 10am-12pm and are free. Call (01353) 659668.

ARTS N CRAFTS: youngsters of all ages are being invited to get creative at Ely Library, in The Cloisters. Arts and crafts sessions are being held there every Wednesday throughout August from 10.30-11.30am. It costs £1.50 per child. Call 0345 045 5225.

OLIVER CROMWELL: children's activities are being held at Oliver Cromwell House, in St Mary's Street, every Tuesday throughout August from 11am onwards. The cost is free for children and £4.60 for adults. Call (01353) 662062.

HADDENHAM

ART SHOW: members of the Haddenham Art Group are exhibiting their work in Ely throughout August. The exhibition is being held at CrackPots Ceramic Cafe, in Broad Street. Call (01353) 663618.

LITTLE DOWNHAM

SPORTY KIDS: children are invited to join All4Sports' summer sports zone at Downham Feoffees Primary School. The programme is running from Monday to Thursday throughout the summer holidays. Call 07715 564347.

LITTLEPORT

CARER SUPPORT: Cambridgeshire County Council's carer support team is holding its next drop-in session at Littleport Village Hall on Thursday, August 22. Running from 10am-1pm, the event is for anyone who looks after a partner, family member or friend. Call (01354) 750010.

SUMMER FUN: All4Sports are running a children's summer sports zone at Littleport Leisure Centre, in Camel Road, every Friday throughout the school holidays. Call 07715 564347.

COUNCIL MEETING: Littleport Parish Council's next meeting is being held on Monday, August 19 at 7.30pm.

PRICKWILLOW

DANCING SHOES: The Record Machine are hosting a line dancing disco at the Hiam Sports and Social Club on Friday, August 16. On Saturday, August 17 a ballroom and sequence dance is also being held with music by Stuart Burr. Call

(01353) 688269.

QUEEN ADELAIDE

LIVE MUSIC: a folk, jazz, blues and pop music evening is being held at Queen Adelaide Village Hall on Saturday, August 17. Starting at 7.30pm, there will be a licenced bar and entry is £2 on the door. All money raised will go directly to the hall.

SOHAM

SCRABBLE CLUB: Soham Scrabble Club next meets on Thursday, August 22. The club meets at Soham Library, in Clay Street, on alternate Thursdays from 2.30-4pm. Call 07827 966475.

WITCHFORD

SUMMER STROLL: join the East Cambridgeshire Ramblers Group on a five-mile circular walk around Witchford on Sunday, August 25. People should meet outside The Village Inn, in Main Street, at 10am. Call (01353) 666756.

WENTWORTH

SEE STARS: join the Witchford Astronomers at Wentworth Observatory on Sunday, August 25. The group meets there at 7.30pm. Call (01353) 661734.

WICKEN

KIDS ACTIVITIES: a whole host of activities are being held at Wicken Fen nature reserve to keep the little ones entertained this summer, including minibeast hunts, pond dipping and special fairy and pixie days. Call (01353) 720274.

Go online to apply for school transport

YOUNG people aged 16 or over can now apply for transport to their school or college online.

Cambridgeshire County Council has introduced the new online system in a bid to make it easier to apply.

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Applicants will still be able to fill in and submit a paper application form or call the contact centre to apply if they wish. However schools, colleges and main libraries will be able to help with the submission of applications online.

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PEOPLE IN THE PICTURE

Cash boost for local charities as former Mayor of Ely returns to city

CHARITIES across the Ely area are hundreds of pounds better off each thanks to a former Mayor of Ely.

Cllr Will Burton, who was Ely's mayor last year, returned to the city to distribute the £1,200 he helped to raise during his year in office to his chosen charities.

Representatives from each of the charities were invited to the function at the offices of Voluntary and Community Action East Cambridgeshire (VCAEC), based in Forehill, for the handover.

The recipients were Home Start East Cambs and Fenland, Soham Museum, Fenprobe, Pos+Ability and EARTH.

Cllr Burton said: "The work carried out by each one of these groups, and others, is vital for filling the gaps in



BOOST: Will Burton pictured with charity representatives

service provision in our communities.

"I am delighted to be able to help them in what are tough times for small organisations." Thanks were offered to Granville Hawkes, manager of VCAEC for hosting

the event and to Avril Hayter-Smith, Ely's town crier, for her support during the mayoral year.

As reported, Cllr Burton has now resigned as both a district and city councillor as he has retired to Derbyshire.

Ely teen among students to complete college Prince's Trust team programme

A TEENAGER from Ely is among a group of students to have successfully completed a Prince's Trust team programme.

Amana Warren, 18, is one of around a dozen members of the 'Prince's Trust Dream Team 19' at West Suffolk College who have received certificates for completing the 12-week programme.

The scheme saw Amana completing an action-packed five-day team building residential in Essex where she took part in outdoor pursuits such as rock climbing, caving and mountain biking.

The team also organised a series of team building activities for other students



SUCCESS: Members of the Prince's Trust Dream Team 19

at the college, and a team challenge at Kentford Manor, a residential and respite care home and nursing home in Kennet, where they put on various activities for the residents.

They also managed to raised over £300 for the charity Diabetes UK.

The next programme starts at the college in September. Call (01284) 716576.

Generous pals raise money for charities by selling their toys

TWO kind-hearted children have raised money for youngsters less fortunate than themselves by selling their unwanted toys.

Ollie Partridge and his friend Flora Hayes, both aged 5, decided they wanted to help support children in Africa by sorting through the toys and books they no longer need.

On Saturday, the duo, who both attend King's Ely Acremont, held a toy sale outside Ollie's mum's shop, Sew Much to Do, in Ely's High Street Passage, where they sold some of their toys, books and teddies.

They raised £78 for their chosen charities - Wateraid and The Potters Village Project in Uganda, which is Ely St Mary's Church's



TOY SALE: Flora, left, and Ollie, right, running their stall mission project.

Lesley Partridge, Ollie's mum, said: "Both Ollie and Flora did this purely off their own bats.

"They decided they wanted to help young children in Africa go to school and so they went through some of their own toys, books and

DVDs that they no longer use and asked for donations in exchange.

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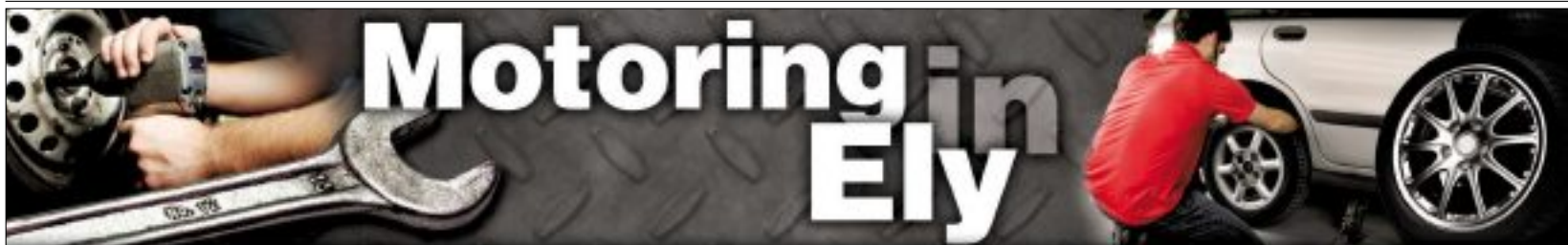
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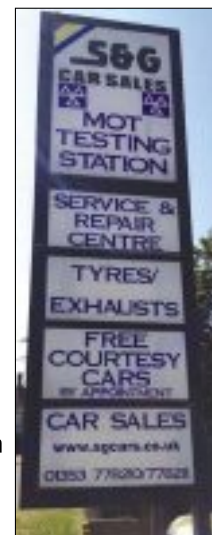
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CHARITY DAY: Shirley Ison, left, Jes Richardson, centre, and Robert Barnes, right, pictured at Premier Travel Ely, based in Forehill

Premier Travel Ely supports Lisa Barnes Memorial Fund

AN independent travel agents in Ely has helped to raise more than £200 for charity.

Premier Travel Ely, in Forehill, has supported the Lisa Barnes Memorial Fund since it was launched by Ely businessman Robert Barnes in October 2010.

Robert spearheaded the fund in memory of his wife, Lisa, who died of cancer, with the aim of raising £100,000 for the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity.

Earlier this month, Premier Travel held another fundraising day to support the fund.

As well as a raffle, the company also donated 1 per cent from all holidays sold on the

day, which raised £210 in total.

Mr Barnes said: "I would like to say a big thank you to Shirley Ison, Premier Travel's area manager, and the rest of the team for making the day such a great success. Also a big thank you to Roly's Fudge Factory in Ely who have agreed to have a collection box in their shop for Lisa's Fund."

"The winner of the first prize which were two tickets to see Meatloaf at Newmarket Races were Jes Richardson and Will Gingill who earlier that day had opened Roly's Fudge Factory."

Visit www.lisabarnesmemorialfund.org.uk.

Do I need to register for VAT?



Amanda Gibbins specialises in advising Start-up businesses at Whiting & Partners

This is one of the many questions we hear from clients who have just started in business.

The compulsory VAT registration threshold is currently £79,000. If you expect your annual turnover to exceed that threshold quickly, then you are probably best registering on day one. If not, and if you are a B2C business, you should probably delay registering until you reach this threshold.

To some businesses just starting out, reaching this level of turnover seems like a long way off. It may however be in your interest to voluntarily register for VAT as soon as possible. Two of the most common reasons are:

- If your customers are all registered for VAT. So there is no impact on charging VAT on your invoices to them and you can then reclaim the VAT charged on your expenses.
- If you are a business that has very few expenses that you can reclaim VAT on, then registering for VAT under the "Flat rate scheme" could create a 'profit' from VAT Registration.

So what is the "Flat Rate Scheme" for VAT? The scheme was originally introduced to ease the administrative burden for small businesses by simplifying the process of completing VAT returns. The scheme works by paying a fixed percentage (relevant to your trade) of your gross income to HMRC each VAT period. You are unable to reclaim VAT under the scheme except where you purchase capital equipment costing over £2,000.

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Mobile home park plans

A NEW mobile home park could be built in Littleport.

Bosses at the Birch's Group, based in Cambridge, want to create the new business in Padnal by erecting a total of 39 new mobile homes on an area of land approximately 1.1 hectare in size north east of Rijon.

If approved, the site would be accessed via the adjacent Hyde Park site, which would result in the loss of one mobile home on that site.

In a statement to planners at East Cambridgeshire District Council, the company said: "The site is just outside the settlement boundary of Littleport, and therefore, although it has residential properties on all four sides, it is considered in planning terms to be in the countryside."

"The proposal provides much-needed additional residential accommodation and involves no material considerations which give rise to 'harm' which would be sufficient to justify refusal."

Of the 39 mobile homes, it is proposed that 11 would be 'affordable units'. A decision is expected within eight weeks. To have your say, visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk.

New bridal shop set to open in Ely

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AN Italian delicatessen which was hoping to move into Ely has been outbid by a bridal shop.

Limoncello, an Italian delicatessen and food specialists based in Mill Road, Cambridge, was hoping to take over the former James Cox menswear shop in Ely's High Street.

Steve Turvill, owner of the delicatessen, said he was all set to take over the lease of the building, which is owned by Ely Cathedral, until earlier this week when he was outbid at the last minute.

A spokeswoman for the cathedral confirmed that a bridal shop would be taking over the empty unit.

Mr Turvill said: "I'm obviously annoyed and disappointed but that's just how things go sometimes."

"We were all set to take over the lease of the shop but we were outbid by a bridal shop at the last minute earlier this week."

"We've been in Cambridge for 16 years and we're looking to expand."

"In our view, a Limoncello would do really well in Ely and we are certainly still keen to come to the city so we'll be keeping our eye on other vacant premises."

"We like Ely and we're certainly looking to move somewhere where there is a Waitrose."

It is rumoured in the city that it is Littleport-based bridal and prom wear shop, Astarte Ltd, that is taking over the premises.

But a spokeswoman for Astarte Ltd said although they were keen

to move into Ely, it wasn't them who had taken on the lease.

A cathedral spokeswoman said she was unable to say who the people behind the new bridal shop were.

Andrew Cox, who ran James Cox menswear at the premises for years, re-located to the other side of the High Street earlier this year.

As previously reported, he said the cathedral was charging him "astronomical" rents and that footfall on the opposite side of the street was higher.

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New role for local MP Sir Jim Paice



CHAIRMAN: MP Jim Paice

THERE will be life after politics for MP Sir Jim Paice, who has been appointed as chairman of the UK's largest dairy cooperative.

Sir Jim, who has announced he will not seek re-election in his South East Cambridgeshire seat in 2015, will take on the job at First Milk in October.

This follows a term as minister for agriculture and food from 2010 to 2012.

Sir Jim, 64,

described the job as a "privilege".

He said: "Having worked for a farmer-owned business before I became an MP, and from being minister, I have always believed that farmers should work together to influence their own destiny."

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GETTING CREATIVE: Ioan Wheeler, 4, from Cambridge, was among children who got creative with clay

Getting our hands dirty is fun!

POTS, tiles and even gargoyles were among the quirky creations that children made either for themselves or their loved ones.

Youngsters flocked to the Denny Abbey Farmland Museum, near Chittering, last week for fun-filled clay activities.

Held as part of the museum's summer holiday programme, excited little ones were able to roll up their

sleeves, get their hands dirty and make a variety of clay objects they could be proud of.

Activities are being held at the museum every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer break from 12-4pm.

Next week youngsters can have fun making origami models of flowers and animals, and follow footprint trails around the museum.

Ann Wise, museum manager, said: "Our drop-in activities are perfect for parents, grandparents and childminders looking for somewhere with a variety of things to keep children entertained."

"We've been delighted with the turnout so far and look forward to welcoming many more children." Call (01223) 860988 for more information.

Pirate island consultation ending soon

A PIRATE island built in the middle of the fens is walking a shaky plank after it emerged a vital part of the planning application was missing.

The 60 acre island, built by multi-millionaire Sutton resident James Challis, will now be subject to a new consultation after key parts of the application could not be located in a retrospective application submitted last month.

The council has agreed to amend the application of the Caribbean-style Challis Island, at Lakeside View near Landbeach, and a new consultation has now been launched.

Cllr Nick Wright, South Cambridgeshire District Council's cabinet member for planning, said it is unlikely that the island would have to be demolished - news that will come

JORDAN DAY

as a relief to many locals who are calling for the island to stay.

He said: "We always work hard to help people with planning applications and by amending what had been submitted to include the creation of the island we can save time and money for all parties."

"Our initial view is that the development has little impact on anyone nearby but until we have assessed all the factors we cannot make any decision."

The island was built from scratch and consists of a waterfall, a lagoon and wooden colonial-style buildings.

The site includes a functioning, 18th-century style tavern and a guest house resembling a military commander's office.

Mr Challis, a member of the multi-millionaire Dickerson family, has now been forced to apply for retrospective planning permission at the end of last month.

After council officers visited the site and assessed the plans, they realised no details for the island itself had been included in the proposals.

District council planners have now agreed to amend the application and a new consultation has begun on the retrospective application for the buildings and the island, rather than forcing the family to start the application again.

The new consultation will gather views from consultees, including the local parish council ecological and environmental experts. People have until August 22 to have their say.

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The Bard: Part Two

THIS summer we have already been treated to outdoor performances of *The Comedy of Errors*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Cymbeline* and *Much Ado About Nothing* (check out our reviews on cambridge-news.co.uk/whats-on), and now we're into the second half of the Cambridge Shakespeare Festival's programme.

Here's what to expect:

Richard III, St John's College Gardens

SINCE his mortal remains were dug up in a Leicester car park last year, Plantagenet hunchback Richard III has gone storming up the list of interesting royals, so it's timely for the Cambridge Shakespeare Festival to tackle the history play that bears his name.

And by history play, of course, I mean loosely-based-on-history play, because Shakespeare's tale of this country's "worst king" contains about as much truth as your average boasting contest. Anne Neville, for example, is sketched as a woman so insubstantial she literally steps over the body of her first husband to get to the body of her second. (Even Richard seems surprised his woo-ing worked.)

Freeing the eponymous antihero from his historical inspiration can work wonders, and here Andrew P Stephen creates a monarch who is part mischievous imp and part slow-boil deviant. His hunched manner, wobbly gait and bald head called to mind

Gollum; particularly on the occasions he broke the fourth wall to address the audience directly. And in a piece so short of comic relief that its main laughs come during the murder of the Duke of Clarence, Stephen also prompted some giggles.

Hannah Dunleavy

A Midsummer Night's Dream, Homerton College Gardens

WE had wine, we had popcorn, we had sunshine. That is pretty fairy tale-like in itself, don't you think?

Then you add in Homerton College gardens as a venue – think spongy green lawns, mullioned windows, discreet statues whiffing of class – and you begin to really understand the charm of the Cambridge Shakespeare Festival. Plus, to the spiralling notes of a recorder, out rush a cast so enthusiastic, so giddily skittish (which is exactly what you need for a mischievous performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*), and basically, you have it nailed.

A tale of love, magic and laughter, muddled by some rather dubious potions for twisting and skewing hearts thanks to the creepily impish Puck, director Ant Stone's interpretation is a true Shakespearean romp. And it's funny to boot.

The lovers waft in and out, screeching out affections and hatreds with equal mirth, rushing about in bare feet and floaty outfits, suitably

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caught up in the imaginary branches of the Bard's forest. While they are convincing (particularly the tangle-haired Hermia, played by Mabel Wright), and entertaining (Helena Payne as the lovesick Helena brings gangly, physical comedy), the true laughs come from Bottom (Eddie Beardmore), despite being an ass, the star of the play within the play. It will definitely have you chuckling.

Ella Walker

■ Cambridge Shakespeare Festival, various Cambridge University College gardens, until Saturday, August 24 at 7.30pm. Tickets £15 from www.cambridgeshakespeare.com.



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It's McFly – obviously

McFLY will be performing at Newmarket Racecourse as part of Summer Saturday Live – the last concert at the racecourse this summer on Saturday, August 24

McFly, who celebrate their 10th anniversary in 2013 and have sold more than 10 million records worldwide, are Tom Fletcher (lead vocals, guitar and piano), Danny Jones (lead vocals and guitar), Dougie Poynter (backing vocals and bass guitar) and Harry Judd (drums).

Harry, who was the winner of BBC TV show *Strictly Come Dancing* two years ago, has said the band love playing open air concerts at racecourses because of the great atmosphere.

The band's next album is due out this summer.

Tickets cost £21-£29 from 0844 5793010 / www.newmarketracecourses.co.uk.



Weird & Wonderful World of Plants

EXPLORER backpacks little ones and mini adventurers can pick up at the gates at Cambridge Botanic Garden will be stuffed with new, quirkily illustrated plant-spotting activity trails this month.

Aside from the usual binoculars, pencils, clipboard and bug viewer, this summer there will also be one of four expedition routes for the garden – and each Friday there'll be a new one.

The first was Be a Bee, packed with challenges for spotting buzzy bees in the Rose Garden and Bee Borders, tips on collecting

propolis from pine trees (they use it as glue for their hive), and discovering where a carder bumble bee had collected fluff from lamb's ear leaves to make its home cosy.

Week two is a chance to see how we interact with the vegetation and creatures that live in the garden. The PAH trail (Plants, Animals and Humans), will lead you past a shrew loo and plants that collect rainwater in their leaves to make paddling pools for poison arrow frogs.

In the third week, budding Attenboroughs can rate the superpowers of plants

around the garden, "from the most poisonous to the most explosive," and in week four, you can pick up a plant passport and travel the world within the Garden, collecting stamps and finding out just how far some of the plants have travelled to get there.

The trails change every Friday and are suitable for 3-15-year-olds.

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2 Guns (15) - 2D: Fri-Mon 12.45, 3.30, 6.15, 9; Tues 12.45, 3.30, 6.40, 9; Wed-Thu 12.45, 3.30, 6.15, 9
The Heat (15) - 2D: Fri-Sun 9.15; Tues 9.15
Grown Ups 2 (12A) - 2D: Fri 11am, 1.40, 4.10, 6.40, 9.10; Sat 1.40, 4.10, 6.40, 9.10; Sun 11am, 1.40, 4.10, 6.40, 9.10; Mon-Tues 11am, 1.40, 4.10, 6.40, 9.10; Wed-Thu 4.10, 6.40, 9.10
The Conjuring (15) - 2D: Fri-Mon 6.30, 9.30; Tues 9.30; Wed-Thu 6.30, 9.15
Red 2 (12A) - 2D: Tues 8.40

film of the week

KICK-ASS 2
certificate 15, 1h43m

KICK-ASS and Hit-Girl are back for more action in Mark Millar's comic book sequel which packs more of a punch than the first film.

Now directed by American Jeff Wadlow, after Matthew Vaughn passed on the job, this follow-up to the 2010 movie is amped up with darker humour, more swearing and more violence.

Set four years after the first film, our favourite characters have grown up. Now 18 and close to finishing high school, Dave Lizewski (Aaron Taylor-Johnson) is keen to bring his green figure-hugging Kick-Ass suit out of the closet, while Mindy McCready (Chloe Grace Moretz), who sneaks out of school to bust drug-dealers, is being urged to forget her superheroine sideline as Hit-Girl and fit in and be a normal teenager, following the death of her father Big Daddy (Nicolas Cage).

Mindy trains Dave up with her extensive arsenal of weapons – guns, star knives and katanas – but soon her guardian Marcus (Morris Chestnut) advises her to stay



in school and give up the Hit-Girl lark, leaving Dave on his own.

After enlisting the help of his buddy Marty (Clark Duke) he finds Justice Forever, a group of wannabe vigilantes run by ex-mobster Colonel Stars And Stripes (Jim Carrey). By day, they are normal, everyday citizens but by night, they exact revenge on criminals.

Chris D'Amico (Christopher Mintz-Plasse) is vowing vengeance on Kick-Ass and Hit-Girl for his father's death by bazooka. This time, he puts aside his superhero alter-ego Red Mist to become a supervillain with the most Twitter followers.

While he gathers his evil

gang together, Mindy tries to deal with high school life, attempting to fit in with the cool group at school, attending girly sleepovers and trying out for the cheerleading squad.

But there's only so long she can ignore her Hit-Girl tendencies and it's only a matter of time before she gets back on her purple Ducati and returns to her violent, feisty roots.

Fans of the original will be glad that *Kick-Ass 2* is a faithful sequel, although some of the darker references in the comic book have been taken out following the shooting tragedies in Aurora, Colorado, and Sandy Hook, Connecticut.

films

Nurturing young minds

ADAM FROST has already urged people to think about wildlife at this year's RHS Chelsea Flower Show, but the gold medal-winning garden designer isn't done with his campaigning yet. He is now urging parents to get their children into the great outdoors this summer and help reverse the decline of British wildlife.

The State of Nature report, carried out by a coalition of conservation organisations, recently revealed that 60% of British wildlife is in decline, while at the same time, a further research found two thirds of British school children want to be taught more about gardening and to engage with the outdoors.

"I have four children aged between six and 16, who all have a keen interest in nature," says Frost, who designed the Homebase 'Sowing The Seeds Of Change' garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. "The garden is at the heart of our home, where many memories are made while children are growing up.

"I've spent lots of time with my own children both in my own garden and in the wider countryside. We do things together like going on

country walks, growing and picking fruit and bird spotting – the list is endless."

Encouraged by these thoughts, Frost has now come up with a plan for parents on how to bring their children into the garden and to attract wildlife at the same time.



by Hannah Stephenson

■ Create a planting plan
Mix together plants that are both beneficial to people and wildlife, such as fruits, vegetables and herbs, with shrubs and perennial herbaceous plants, to create an area where there is produce for humans and wildlife. Recommended plants that attract wildlife include sunflowers, wild strawberries, thyme, herbs and firethorn shrubs which offer nectar and berries to a range of wildlife.

■ Grow a selection of salad crops
This requires regular attention and will give children something to focus on right up until they eat them. Seeds should be watered every evening and given plant food once a week. Lettuce and other salad leaves can be sown in spring and summer.

■ Go seed collecting



Look closely for plants in your borders where flower heads have fallen off and seeds are growing. If the seeds are brown, get the children to help you pick them and put them in a warm place to dry out ready to plant for next spring.

■ Create a compost heap
This is a great way of encouraging kids to recycle garden waste and also helps them understand the natural cycle of growth and decay. Create three tightly fixed walls in your chosen area and begin filling it with organic materials such as grass clippings, weeds, straw, manure, shredded newspaper, kitchen waste, plant cuttings and soft prunings.

■ Take games outdoors
Go on a treasure hunt or play hide-and-seek to encourage children to explore the garden and stimulate their curiosity about the outdoors. If you have daisies in the garden, teach them to make daisy chains.

■ Set up bird feeding and cleaning stations
Birds come to gardens to feed, breed, nest and rest. To make sure your garden is accommodating, introduce a bird house, feeding station or a bird bath – all of these are a must for budding young bird watchers. The water in a bird bath needs to be at least 2.5cm deep and should be placed in the open away from areas where cats may hide.

■ Store logs
Plenty of wildlife makes its home in dead wood, and other animals use it as a source of food. Children can help make this into a proper wildlife shelter in a small, shady spot so that it remains cool and damp. If moving wood, check beforehand that nothing has already made itself at home.
■ Families can receive further help on how to encourage wildlife into their garden by visiting the Homebase online forum www.getintogardening.co.uk.

puzzles

ACROSS

- 6. Graduates quickly producing something to play (7)
- 7. Does it hurt to be clever? (5)
- 9. He is aware of the stage that matters to him (5)
- 10. Bill singing? (7)
- 12. Lawful deed may land one in court! (5,6)
- 14. Claimed race bungled: health service needed (7,4)
- 18. One not content with being on the level (7)
- 19. Despise grain produced in the south (5)
- 21. Annoyed when mongrel appears (5)
- 22. Prepared statement from worker on strike (7)

DOWN

- 1. Game for a strike? (5)
- 2. Badly hoarse when on dry land (6)
- 3. Spinner at the summit (3)
- 4. I am left to get the goods into the

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crossword

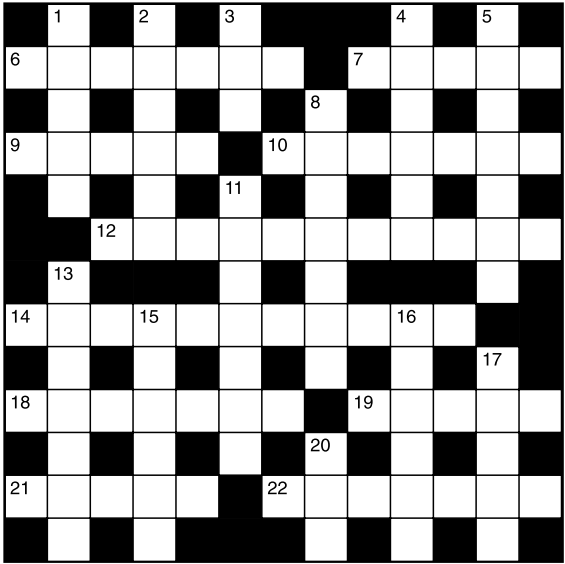
- country (6)
- 5. Pamphlet or farm machine (7)
- 8. Babyhood as imagined? (7)
- 11. Fellow looks older, but copes (7)
- 13. Assert leader mistaken about 100 (7)
- 15. Held by the majority to be deepest (6)
- 16. Yield again and withdraw (6)
- 17. Dispute some near guesses (5)
- 20. Yes more than 1000 a month (3)

Last week's answers: Across: 1 Waterfalls; 7 Noise; 8 Charged; 10 Hesitant; 11 Dial; 13 Waster; 15 Extent; 17 Trip; 18 Undersea; 21 Running; 22 Start; 23 Dramatists. Down: 1 Wails; 2 Theatres; 3 Recant; 4 Away; 5 Lignite; 6 On the water; 9 Dilettante; 12 Expenses; 14 Spinner; 16 Knight; 19 Stays; 20 Film.

sudoku

Last week's answer:

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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters

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The clues

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gives an English poet
gives an English novelist
gives an English essayist

Last week's answer:
COMEDIANS

weekend television

the **GUIDE**
SATURDAY**BBC1**

6.00am Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. 12.00pm Football Focus. 12.45 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 1.15 Athletics: World Championships. Gabby Logan presents further live coverage of day eight in Moscow. 5.25 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.45 Pointless Celebrities.

6.35 That Puppet Game Show. 7.15 I Love My Country. With Sally Lindsay, Gemma Atkinson, Billy Boyd, Michael Ball, Greg Rutherford and Faye Tozer.

8.00 The National Lottery: Break the Safe. Game show, hosted by Nick Knowles. Includes the National Lottery results.

8.50 Casualty. Part two of two. Jamie puts his training to the test with Ramin.

9.40 Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. With Al Murray, Micky Flanagan, Jo Caulfield and Jon Richardson.

10.10 BBC News; Weather. 10.30 Match of the Day. Highlights of the opening matches of the Premier League season; National Lottery Update.

11.55 The Football League Show. 1.10am Weatherview. 1.15 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 7.30 FILM: My Life with Caroline (1941). Romantic comedy, starring Ronald Colman and Anna Lee. 8.50 FILM: Underwater! (1955). Adventure, starring Jane Russell. 10.25 Reel History of Britain. 10.55 The Private Life of Plants. 11.45 University Challenge. 12.15pm Athletics: World Championships. Live coverage of day eight in Moscow. 1.15 Escape to the Country. 2.00 Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure. 3.00 Wild China. 4.00 Urban Jungle. 4.30 Final Score. 5.30 Coast.

6.00 Flog It! From Stoke-on-Trent. 7.00 Proms Extra 2013. Including an interview with American conductor Marin Alsop.

7.40 Dad's Army. 8.10 Thatcher – The Downing Street Years. The former prime minister's 11 years in office.

9.10 Top of the Lake. Matt reveals a secret that leaves Robin in despair. Last in the series.

10.10 Qi XL. 11.00 FILM: Rabbit-Proof Fence (2002). Fact-based Australian drama, starring Evelyn Sampi.

12.25am FILM: 2 Days in Paris (2007). Romantic drama, starring Julie Delpy and Adam Goldberg. This Is BBC2.

ITV

6.00am CITV. 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Dinner Date. 9.25 Saturday Cookbook. 10.20 Murder, She Wrote. 11.20 Saturday Farm. 12.25pm Countrywise. 12.35 ITV News and Weather; Weather. 12.40 All Star Mr & Mrs. 1.45 FILM: Smokey and the Bandit II (1980). Road comedy, starring Burt Reynolds. 3.35 Midsomer Murders. 5.30 ITV News Anglia; Weather. 5.45 ITV News and Weather.

6.00 You've Been Framed! FILM: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (2007). The wizard unites his fellow pupils into a secret army to battle the resurrected Lord Voldemort. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Gary Oldman.

9.40 The Americans. The Jennings plot their next move carefully when they meet an American asset who plans to give them highly classified information.

10.35 ITV News and Weather; Weather. 10.50 FILM: State of Play (2009). Political thriller, starring Russell Crowe.

1.00am Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 3.40 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05am British GT. 6.30 The Grid. 7.00 IPC Swimming World Championships 2013. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. 10.00 Frasier. 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. 12.00pm The Simpsons. 12.30 Undercover Boss Australia. 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newbury, Newmarket and Ripon. 4.10 V Festival 2013: Saturday Live. Steve Jones and Edith Bowman present coverage of the event. 4.40 Come Dine with Me.

6.45 Channel 4 News. FILM: Mission: Impossible (1996). A secret agent is accused of betraying his fellow spies, and sets out on a mission to clear his name. Action thriller based on the 1960s TV series, with Tom Cruise and Jon Voight.

9.00 FILM: Knight and Day (2010). Comedy adventure, with Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz.

11.10 Stephen Merchant: Hello Ladies. The Office co-creator's critically acclaimed 2011 stand-up comedy show.

12.10am V Festival 2013: Saturday Highlights. 1.35 Crazy about One Direction. 2.35 Hollyoaks. 4.50 Countdown. 5.30 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard.

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers: Megaforce. 10.35 Sluggterra. 11.00 Inside Hollywood. 11.05 Big Brother: Live Eviction. 12.30pm FILM: The Battle of the V1 (1958). Second World War adventure, with Michael Rennie. 2.30 FILM: Anzio (1968). Second World War drama, starring Robert Mitchum. 4.50 FILM: Columbo: Ashes to Ashes (1998). Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGeehan.

6.35 FILM: Jesse Stone: Benefit of the Doubt (2012). Detective thriller, starring Tom Selleck.

8.05 NCIS. The team suspects a marine has beaten her husband to death. 9.50 5 News Weekend. 10.00 Big Brother. Another chance to see last night's eviction.

11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. Psychological analysis of the housemates' behaviour. 12.00am SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming.

4.00 Wildlife SOS. 4.25 Make It Big. 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.05 Hana's Helpline. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. 5.50 Hana's Helpline.



Top of the Lake, Saturday, BBC2, 9.10pm



The Americans, Saturday, ITV, 9.40pm



The White Queen, Sunday, BBC1, 9pm



Once upon a Time, Sunday, Channel 5, 8pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 8.35 Match of the Day. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer. 12.00pm BBC News; Weather. 12.10 Bargain Hunt. 12.40 Athletics: World Championships. Live coverage of the ninth and final day in Moscow. 4.15 Escape to the Country. 5.00 Songs of Praise. 5.35 Britain's Big Wildlife Revival.

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 7.00 Countryfile. The team visits south Oxfordshire.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. New series. Items on show at Polesden Lacey in Surrey include a glove thought to have belonged to Elizabeth I and a brooch kept hidden for years.

9.00 The White Queen. Henry Tudor prepares to invade and claim the throne. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 10.25 Match of the Day 2. Crystal Palace v Tottenham Hotspur and Chelsea v Hull City.

11.25 That Puppet Game Show. Gary Lineker and Andrew Flintoff take part.

12.05am FILM: Nothing to Lose (1997). Revenge comedy, with Martin Lawrence and Tim Robbins.

1.40 Weatherview. 1.45 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.45 FILM: The Lost Moment (1947). Romantic drama, starring Susan Hayward and Robert Cummings. 8.00 Around the World in 80 Days. 9.00 Gardeners' World. 9.30 The Beechgrove Garden. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. 12.00pm EastEnders. 1.55 Coast. 2.25 FILM: Krakatoa, East of Java (1968). Disaster movie, starring Maximilian Schell. 4.30 What's Killing Our Bees? A Horizon Special. 5.30 Flog It!

6.30 Live MotoGP. The Indianapolis Grand Prix (Start-time 7.00pm).

8.00 Dragons' Den. An embarrassing malfunction affects a product designer's pitch, and a cowboy struts into the Den hoping to tempt the Dragons with his all-American bar snack.

9.00 The Hairly Bikers: Restoration Road Trip. The duo help rebuild an early traction engine.

10.00 Blackadder the Third. Prince George hires two actors to improve his speech-making.

10.30 FILM: Frost/Nixon (2008). Fact-based drama, starring Frank Langella and Michael Sheen.

12.25am Sign Zone: Countryfile. 1.20 Sign Zone: Holby City. 2.20 This Is BBC2.

ITV

6.00am CITV. 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Country House Sunday. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 10.20 Murder, She Wrote. 11.20 ITV News and Weather; Weather. 11.30 Ade in Britain. 12.30pm Murder, She Wrote. 1.30 Love Your Garden. 2.30 A Touch of Frost. 4.30 FILM: The Queen (2006). Oscar-winning biographical drama, starring Helen Mirren.

6.30 ITV News Anglia; Weather. 6.45 ITV News and Weather. 7.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. With Britt Ekland, Sherrie Hewson and Robin Cousins.

8.00 Martin Clunes – Heavy Horsepower. The actor explores the important role of working horses.

9.00 Law & Order: UK. A gay man is found brutally murdered. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News and Weather; Weather. 10.15 Perspectives: Warwick Davis – The Seven Dwarfs of Auschwitz.

11.15 Murder, She Wrote. International intrigue is on the cards for Jessica.

12.10am The Store. British Superbike Championship Highlights. 2.15 Motorsport UK. 3.30 ITV Nightscreen. 4.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 5.05

CHANNEL 4

6.00am The Treacle People. 6.10 The Hoobs. 6.35 Ironman 2013. 7.00 IPC Swimming World Championships 2013. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. 8.25 Frasier. 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30pm The Big Bang Theory. 1.00 The Simpsons. 1.30 FILM: The Legend of Zorro (2005). Swashbuckling adventure sequel, with Antonio Banderas. 4.00 V Festival 2013: Sunday Live. 4.40 FILM: Step Up 3 (2010). Premiere. Dance drama sequel, starring Rick Malambri.

6.40 Channel 4 News. 7.00 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. Kirstie Allsopp gives a cramped bathroom a nautical-themed revamp. Last in the series.

8.00 The Mill. Lucy and Esther set out to expose Mr Timperley, and Robert breaks bad news at the factory. Last in the series. 9.00 Southcliffe. One year on, David suspects the town is facing a new threat. Last in the series.

10.05 FILM: Dear John (2010). Romantic drama, with Channing Tatum and Amanda Seyfried.

12.05am V Festival 2013 Highlights. 1.30 FILM: Baaria (2009). Drama, starring Francesco Scianna.

4.10 A Film from My Parish. 5.15 Three in a Bed. Countdown.

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.15 Power Rangers Samurai. 10.50 Sluggterra. 11.10 Inside Hollywood. 11.15 Big Brother. 12.15pm BB BOTS: Rylan's Supersized Celebrity Sunday. 1.15 The Hotel Inspector Returns. 2.20 FILM: Tinker Bell and the Lost Treasure (2009). Animated adventure, with the voice of Mae Whitman. 3.50 FILM: Bewitched (2005). Romantic fantasy comedy, with Nicole Kidman and Will Ferrell. 5.50 FILM: Hitch (2005). Romantic comedy, starring Will Smith and Eva Mendes.

8.00 Once Upon a Time. Regina uses magic to give Belle a set of false memories, while Emma realises she may soon have to choose which world to remain in.

8.55 5 News Weekend. 9.00 Big Brother. The last daily round-up before the final.

10.00 FILM: Next (2007). Thriller, starring Nicolas Cage.

11.55 FILM: Above the Law (1988). Martial arts thriller, starring Steven Seagal.

1.45am SuperCasino. 4.00 Wildlife SOS. 4.25 Make It Big.

4.50 Roary the Racing Car. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.10 Hana's Helpline. 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. 5.50 Hana's Helpline.

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Soham **£350,000**
A highly individual home in a non estate location comprising reception hall, cloakroom, utility, office, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, lounge, dining room, 4 double bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, driveway, double garage gardens.

NEW



Welney **£220,000**
A refurbished detached bungalow on a mature plot of approx. 1/3 of an acre (STS) in a semi rural location just beyond the village of Welney. Comprises entrance hall, 3 beds, modern bathroom, lounge, superb refitted kitchen/dining room, extensive gardens with ample parking and a rear garden/yard area, 2 stables, 2 bird/dog cages and stores. EPR TBC

NEW



Stretham **£325,000**
A charming detached home which has been comprehensively refurbished in a highly regarded no through road. Entrance hall, superb refitted kitchen/diner, utility, cloakroom, lounge, 4 beds, refitted bathroom, gardens, driveway and garden. EPR TBC

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NEW


Soham **£179,950**
A detached home with views across common land, includes entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, courtyard garden, parking. EPR D

NEW


Haddenham **£155,000**
A well presented and modernised semi-detached bungalow comprising conservatory, hallway, refitted kitchen and bathroom, lounge, two bedrooms, gardens and driveway. Viewing recommended.

NEW


Welney **£250,000**
Set in a rural location of approx. 5 acres this detached cottage comprises lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, study, bathroom and 3 beds, garage, nissen hut.

NEW PRICE


Sutton **£165,000**
An older style extended detached property offering versatile accommodation including 3 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, cloakroom, kitchen & utility room, together with garden and off street parking. EPR D.

NEW


Soham **£87,500**
Top floor apartment situated in a purpose made modern apartment block with entrance hallway, lounge, bedroom, kitchen & shower room, communal grounds & allocated parking. EPR C

NEW


Ely **£159,950**
A modern 2 bedroom terraced property in a cul de sac location close to the City Centre and ideally suited to investment purchasers or first time buyers with private garden, driveway and garage. No chain. EPR TBC.

NEW


Littleport **£132,950**
A spacious semi detached home in a rural location with countryside views to front & rear. Porch, lounge, kitchen, dining room, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, driveway and good size mature gardens. No upward chain. EPR TBC.

NEW


Little Thetford **£144,950**
A modern 2 bedroom semi detached house in a cul-de-sac on a modern development. Entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, 2 beds, bathroom, garden and parking. EPR TBC

NEW


Ely **£295,000**
Detached family house comprising entrance hallway, lounge/dining room, lobby, cloakroom, 4 beds, shower room, 2 garages garden. The property offers enormous scope and potential. EPR TBC.



Chatteris **£359,950**
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NEW PRICE


Ely **£310,000**
An attractive Grade II Listed 4 bedroom period house with accommodation over 3 floors, within the most highly regarded Waterside area of Ely, allowing easy access to the City Centre, mainline railway station & river. EPR D.



Ely **£189,950**
An established City home situated overlooking the Paradise Sports Ground and is within easy access of the many City amenities. Lounge/dining room, kitchen, rear lobby, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, gardens. EPR TBC.

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Soham **£265,000**
Situating in the highly regarded village of Soham, this versatile 4 bedroom family home offers immense charm and character with many original features, parking and gardens. Viewing recommended. EPR D.



Ely **£319,950**
A 4 bedroom, 3-storey townhouse in a superb Waterside location overlooking the River Great Ouse & Marina. Well located for the mainline railway station & City amenities. Garage, parking & encl courtyard. EPR D.



Little Downham **£625,000**
Detached residence finished to a high specification, 3 reception rooms, superb refitted kitchen/breakfast room, 6 beds (2 ensuite), bathroom, shower room, triple garage, driveway, gardens. EPC TBC



11.75 ACRES (STS)
Sutton **£675,000**
A 4 bed detached house with 3 reception rooms, together with paddocks, stables, tack room and barn, situated within a highly regarded village location with far reaching south facing views. EPR D.



Ely **£350,000**
A superb 3 bedroom Edwardian semi detached residence within a prime central location opposite the Kings School and in easy walking distance of the mainline railway station with gardens and parking. EPR TBC.



7.5 ACRES (STS)
Littleport **£450,000**
A detached 4 bedroom home ideally suited for those with equestrian interests. Grounds extending to approx 7.5 acres, fenced paddocks, stables, covered concrete yard, open fronted storage barn/foaling barns. EPR D.



Witchford **£184,950**
A well presented 3 bedroom semi detached house with accommodation comprising entrance hallway, kitchen, cloakroom, lounge, conservatory, 3 bedrooms & bathroom, together with single garage, driveway & gardens. EPR TBC



Littleport **£124,950**
A well presented detached coach house style apartment comprising entrance hall, landing, spacious lounge/dining room, kitchen, bathroom, 2 double bedrooms (1 ensuite) and garage. Ideal first time purchase. EPR B.



Sutton **£239,950**
A modern detached home on a popular development. Porch, hall, cloakroom, 3 reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, garage, driveway & gardens. EPR D.



Ely **£179,950**
A modern semi detached property on a popular residential development. Hall, cloakroom, refitted kitchen/dining room, lounge, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, rear garden, driveway & garage. No upward chain. EPR TBC.



Little Downham **£335,000**
Detached home comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, garden/dining room, cloakroom, snug/bedroom 4, 3 bedrooms, 1 with ensuite, bathroom, garage, gardens. EPR TBC.



Wilburton **£269,000**
Modern detached home within a highly regarded small development. Hall, cloakroom, lounge/dining room, conservatory, kitchen, utility, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, driveway, garage, established gardens. EPR E.

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MAIN STREET, WENTWORTH £1,250 pcm

A charming detached, fully furnished, house. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, front room, living room, kitchen/diner, utility room, downstairs wc, main bedroom with en suite, 3 further bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property has a garage, garden, off road parking, oil central heating and double glazing. EPC Band: D.

MAIN8



MILL CORNER - SOHAM £575 pcm

Two bedroom extended older style end of terrace house situated towards the outskirts of the town. The property has gas central heating, double glazing, gardens to front and rear.

MIL13



NEW

VICTORIA STREET, LITTLEPORT £595 pcm

Modern three bedroom end of terrace house with gas central heating, enclosed low-maintenance garden and off road parking.

VI126



CHERRY RISE - SUTTON £625 pcm

Modern semi detached house in a cul-de-sac location. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, kitchen, living room, conservatory, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property has under floor heating, double glazing, an enclosed rear garden, single garage and driveway.

CHER6



BLACKTHORN COURT - SOHAM £775 pcm

Modern detached family home. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, downstairs wc, living room, dining room with archway to kitchen, 3 bedrooms with ensuite to master and family bathroom with shower over bath. The property has gas central heating, double glazing, garden, single garage and driveway. EPC Band: D

BLA12



BROAD STREET - ELY £1,100 pcm

Individual three bedroom house in central City location with easy access to the Rail Station and river. Gas central heating, courtyard garden, allocated parking. EPB Band: D

BRO55

NEW



STATION ROAD, TEN MILE BANK £650 pcm

Recently constructed semi detached house in a rural location with three bedrooms (one ensuite), oil heating, garden and double carport.

TENM



MAIN STREET - PYMOOR £950 pcm

Modern detached house, which has been redecorated. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, front room, living room, kitchen/diner, utility room, downstairs wc, master bedroom with en suite, three further bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property has a garage, garden, off road parking, oil central heating and double glazing. EPC Band: D

26MAIN

NEW



THE BROOK - SUTTON £650 pcm

Semi detached house. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, kitchen, lounge/diner with access to rear garden, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property has gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed garden and off road parking to the rear. EPC Band: D

THE47



CARDINALS TERRACE - ELY £950 pcm

A centrally located three bedroom townhouse with a view of the Cathedral. Gas central heating, courtyard garden and two parking spaces. EPC Band: C

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O/A £215,000

NEW



An attractive modern 3 bedroom detached house which lies towards the end of this popular cul de sac development a little over a mile from the City Centre. Ent Hall, Dual Aspect Living Room, Kitchen, Cloakroom, 3 Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens, D/G, GCH, Driveway Parking, Garage. Rental Income currently £750pcm, potentially £800pcm. No Upward Chain. EPC - 60(D)



WICKEN

O/A £159,000



A well proportioned three bedroom semi detached house which lies on a good size plot with far reaching countryside views to front & rear. EPC - 28(F)

LITTLEPORT

O/A £147,000



A spacious, Victorian double fronted house, which offers 4 d/bedrooms and 3 reception rooms just under a mile from the Railway Station. No Upward Chain. EPC - 51(E).

SOHAM

O/A £315,000



A well appointed imposing modern double fronted detached residence which lies in an appealing position within this highly desirable cul-de-sac development. EPC - 79(C)

SOHAM

O/A £79,950



A spacious and well presented 2nd floor flat in the centre of this well served small town benefitting from gas central heating and an allocated parking space. EPC - 34(F)

WITCHFORD

O/A £825,000

NEW



An individual, architect designed, family home offering substantial accommodation including 6 bedrooms, 5 en-suites, 4 reception rooms, triple garage, cart lodge and swimming pool sitting on a large plot with wonderful countryside views. Recep Hall, W/C, Liv. Rm, Fam. Rm, Games Rm, Study, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Utility Rm, Pantry, G/F Bed with En-Suite, Further 5 Beds & 4 En-Suites, T/Garage, Cart Lodge with Parking & Potential Conversion, Swim. Pool. EPC - 74(C).



WITCHAM

O/A £272,500

NEW



An impressive, superbly presented, modern double fronted 4 bedroom detached residence which lies in an appealing end of cul de sac position within this sought after village location. Ent Hall with Study Area, W/C, Fitted Kitchen opening to Dining Room, Lounge, Galleried Landing, 4 Good Size Bedrooms, En-Suite to Master Bedroom, Bathroom, UPVC D/G, GCH, Under Floor Heating to G/F, Rear Garden, Garage, Driveway Parking. EPC - 80(C).



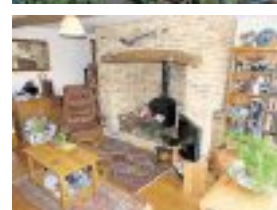
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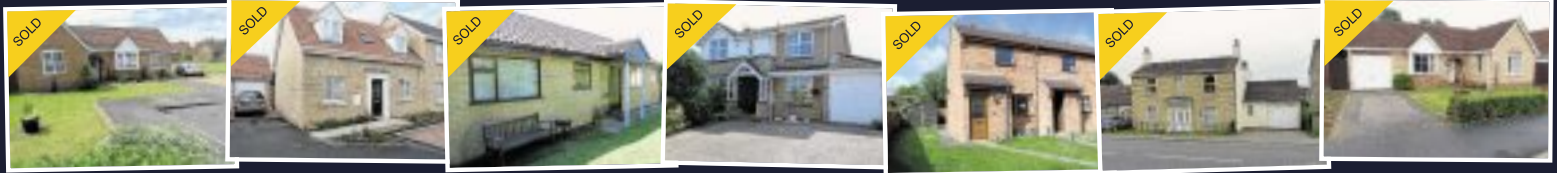
O/A £219,000

NEW



A beautiful Grade II listed 3 storey property forming part of a converted farm house and set in a quiet position close to open countryside within this sought after village location. Sitting Room with Exposed Brick Inglenook Fireplace, Oak Breast Summer and Multi Fuel Burning Stove, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, 3 Bedrooms, 4 Piece Bathroom Suite, Delightful Rear Garden, Parking Space. EPC - TBC.




STRETHAM
O/A £250,000


A particularly spacious, extended, semi detached house which lies in an appealing end of cul de sac position in this convenient and sought after village location. Entrance Hall, Dual Aspect Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Cloakroom, Master Bedroom Suite with Bedroom, Walk-in Dressing Area and En-Suite Bathroom, Three Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Loft Room, D/G. EPC - 71(C).


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Guide Price £145,000


A well proportioned, mid terraced, 2 bedroom property which lies in a convenient position within this sought after location less than half a mile from the City centre. Sitting Room, Fitted Kitchen/Dining Room, Conservatory, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front Garden, Enclosed Rear Garden, Driveway Parking for 2/3 Vehicles. Ideal First Time or Investment Purchase projected rental income circa £625 pcm. EPC - 62(D)


STRETHAM
O/A £160,000


An opportunity to purchase a delightful, well appointed, two bedroom semi detached bungalow which lies in an appealing cul de sac position, backing onto open farm land within this sought after village location. Entrance Hall, Living Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Driveway Parking, Front Garden, Rear Garden Backing Onto Farmland. EPC - TBC


WICKEN
£1,200 pcm


A well presented detached, four bedroom property in a popular village location well placed for access to Ely, Cambridge and Newmarket. Hall, Dining Room, Large Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Master Bedroom with En-Suite, Three Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Detached Garage and Off Road Parking. EPC - 52(E). Available Mid August - Unfurnished


SOHAM
£595 pcm


A brand new top floor, two bedroom flat situated at the end of the development and backing onto a small lode. EPC - 78(C) Available Immediately - Unfurnished

ELY
£1,250 pcm


A four bedroom detached bungalow situated at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac less than a 10 minute walk to the City Centre. EPC - 53(E). Available Mid August - Unfurnished

ELY
£775 pcm


A three bedroom end of terrace house with residents parking for two vehicles in this sought after development approximately 1.5 miles from the city centre. EPC - 71(C) Available End of August - Unfurnished

LITTLEPORT
£750 pcm


A charming well appointed Edwardian detached property in an enviable position with far reaching countryside views. EPC - 7(G) Available Immediately - Part Furnished



NEW



WITCHFORD

A well presented one bedroom bungalow situated in a small close of properties for over 55 year old occupancy.
1 bedroom, bathroom, reception hall, kitchen, lounge, conservatory, double glazed windows and rear garden. EPC rating: D

£94,950

NEW



ELY

£595,000

An immaculately presented five bedroom townhouse, situated in a prime City Centre location.
5 bedrooms, master bedroom with en suite, two family shower rooms, family bathroom, dining room, sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room, study, utility room, courtyard garden, double garage and two parking spaces. EPC rating: C



SOHAM

A beautifully presented four bedroom town house with easily maintained gardens.
4 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, cloakroom, living room, kitchen/dining room, gas central heating, garden, garage and parking. EPC rating: B

£199,950

NEW



STRETHAM

£249,950

A beautifully presented three bedroom, family home situated within the heart of this sought-after Ely village.
3 bedrooms, master en suite WC, family bathroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, utility room, cloakroom, double glazed, oil central heating, enclosed rear garden, carport and off-road parking. EPC rating: C



NEW



ELY

A modern well presented two bedroom property on a popular development.
2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, cloakroom, garage and parking. EPC rating: C

£164,950

TuckerGardner

NEW



MEPAL

£229,950

A well presented four bedroom detached bungalow on a large corner plot in a pleasant location.

4 bedrooms, two en suites, family bathroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, family room/study, conservatory, garden, garage and off-road parking. EPC rating: D



SUTTON

A well presented stylish two bedroom coach house in a popular cul-de-sac.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, lounge/diner, entrance hall with storage area and cupboard. Two parking spaces. EPC rating: C

£125,000

NEW PRICE



SOHAM

A spacious coach house style one bedroom flat situated on the outskirts of this thriving town.

1 bedroom, lounge/dining room, kitchen, bathroom, gas central heating, double glazed, garage, off-road parking and garden. EPC rating: D

£99,950



ELY

£495,000

A newly renovated and immaculately presented five bedroom detached property set in approximately half an acre.

5 bedrooms, master with en suite, family bathroom, kitchen/breakfast room, sitting room, dining room, utility room, cloakroom, garage and parking, half an acre garden. EPC rating C



STRETHAM

A well presented family home on a 50% Shared Ownership Scheme, situated on the outskirts of the village.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, electric heating, garden and off-road parking. No upward chain. EPC rating: C

50% SHARED OWNERSHIP



TuckerGardner

NEW



ELY

A pretty Victorian two bedroom cottage, set back from the main road, a short walk from the City Centre and providing easy access to the railway station.

The property comprises of a lounge with laminate flooring. Kitchen with built in gas hob/electric oven, dishwasher and fridge/freezer. Ground floor bathroom with shower over bath. One double and one single bedroom. Gas central heating. Front and rear garden. Driveway. EPC rating: A.

£625 PCM



LET



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£575 PCM

A neutrally decorated two bedroom maisonette with parking and garden.

Lounge/diner with balcony overlooking the rear, Kitchen, Bathroom. two bedrooms, side garden. GCH. Parking. EPC Rating C.

NEW



ELY

£550 PCM

A spacious two bedroom flat located close to the City Centre and railway station.

Lounge/diner, kitchen, two double bedrooms. Bathroom. Electric storage heating. On street parking. EPC rating: F.

NEW



ELY

£695 PCM

A three bedroom end terrace house situated in the popular development off Tower Road.

Kitchen, lounge/diner, three bedrooms, study and bathroom. Rear garden. Gas central heating. Allocated parking. EPC rating: C.

LET



ELY

£1,000 PCM

A well presented townhouse located just to the south west of the City Centre.

Kitchen/diner, utility, lounge. Four bedrooms and a bathroom. Gas central heating. Rear garden. Driveway and garage. EPC rating: B.



STUNTNEY

£1,400 PCM

A neutrally decorated four bedroom detached house located within the village of Stuntney providing easy access to Ely and Newmarket.

This property comprises of an entrance hall, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, lounge and a living room leading to the conservatory. Three double bedrooms, a single bedroom, and a family bathroom with a bath and shower cubicle. Rear garden. GCH. EPC rating: E.



NEW



STRETHAM

A spacious link detached three bedroom house located in Stretham with convenient access to the A10 and City of Ely.

The property provides of a lounge, large dining room, cloakroom, inner hall with plumbing for washing machine, kitchen with electric cooker and space for fridge and dishwasher. Master bedroom with wardrobe, two single bedrooms and a family bathroom which has an over bath shower. Oil central heating. EPC rating: E.

£725 PCM



SOHAM

£550 PCM

A bright and spacious two bedroom second floor flat in the popular market town of Soham.

The property comprises of lounge/diner with laminate flooring. Kitchen with built in electric hob and oven, fridge/freezer, washing machine and slimline dishwasher. Bathroom including bath with shower, WC and basin. Electric storage heating. Allocated parking space. EPC rating: D.





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SUTTON

£249,950



- Extended modern family home
- 4 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen and utility
- Lounge and dining room
- Study area
- Bathroom and en-suite
- Garage and ample parking
- Good size rear garden

ELY

GUIDE PRICE £280,000



- Established detached house
- Popular residential location
- Lounge, dining room and study
- Fitted kitchen and utility
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite to master bedroom
- Double garage and parking
- EPC Rating D

PRICKWILLOW

£290,995



- Individual detached house
- Non estate location
- Well fitted kitchen with range cooker
- 4 bedrooms
- Lounge and study
- Dining room opening into garden room
- Views over fields to rear
- EPC Rating D



SUTTON O.I.E.O. £150,000



- Modern semi bungalow
- Quiet elevated location
- 2 bedrooms
- Good size lounge
- Refitted kitchen and bathroom
- Detached garage
- Garden to front and rear
- EPC rating C



SUTTON

£179,950



- Modern semi detached home
- Cul de sac location
- Smartly presented
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge dining room
- Enclosed rear garden
- Garage
- EPC Rating C



ELY

£335,000



- Extended family home
- Popular location on corner plot
- 4 bedrooms 2 en-suites
- Lounge and dining room
- Fitted kitchen and utility
- Family bathroom, cloakroom
- Family room/study
- EPC Rating D



MARCH

£385,000



- Stunning townhouse
- Centrally located
- 6 bedrooms
- 3 reception rooms
- Impressive entrance hall
- Kitchen and utility
- Detached outbuilding and garage
- EPC Rating D



SUTTON

£275,000



- 4 Double Bedrooms
- Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Separate Utility
- Spacious reception Hall
- Beautifully Presented
- Garage and extensive parking
- Internal viewing essential
- EPC Rating D



LITTLEPORT

£320,000



- Individual detached bungalow
- Non estate location
- Fitted kitchen/diner
- Garden room and lounge
- 3 bedrooms
- Lower floor with double garage
- Sauna and further garage
- EPC Rating C



LITTLEPORT

£495,000



- Individual detached property
- Centrally located
- 4 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen and utility
- 3 reception rooms
- Triple garage
- 1 bed annex
- EPC Rating C



HADDENHAM

£320,000



- Charming detached cottage
- Non estate location
- 4 bedrooms
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Fitted kitchen breakfast room
- Large dining room
- Conservatory
- Established garden and parking
- EPC Rating F



ELY

£209,950



- Established terraced house
- Close to river and all amenities
- 2 reception rooms
- Kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- 2 bedrooms
- Attractive garden and carspace/garage
- EPC Rating E



ELY

£389,950



- Modern detached residence
- Quiet cul de sac location
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Well fitted kitchen/bfast room
- Superb conservatory and study
- Double garage and garden
- Close to all amenities
- EPC Rating C



WITCHAM

£429,950



- Period detached residence
- Considerably improved and updated
- 5 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen breakfast room
- Bathroom and shower room
- Lounge and dining room
- Double garage and parking
- EPC Rating D



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Fantastic Sale Ely

£375,000
EPC C

Sold within seven days! We got the price the owners of this six bedroom three bathroom family home were hoping for and we got it quickly. Ref: 8357

Yet another happy



Guide Price
Sold Sold Sold **£95,000 - £105,000**

Ely EPC C
Our sellers were delighted with the price they achieved on this property Ref: 8428
More wanted!



Guide Price
£210,000 - £220,000

Central Ely Sale

Ely
EPC C

We got a flurry of keen buyers to view this property helping achieve the best possible price for our seller on their property which helped them secure the home they wanted to buy. Ref: 8486

Everyone's a winner!



Spacious Home Ely

£175,000 - £185,000
EPC C

Set within Ely City itself, this amazing three bedroom semi detached family home with garage will not be around for long! Our seller was instantly drawn to the spacious living accommodation. Ref: 8496

Three Bedrooms
Spacious Lounge
Kitchen/Diner
Move in to Ely!

Garage and Driveway
Ely City Location
Well Presented Throughout



Guide Price
£225,000 - £235,000
Amazing Views

Sutton
EPC E

Having evolved over the years and with amazing field views to the rear, this three bedroom detached bungalow is set on The Row, an extremely sought after location in Sutton. Ref: 8506

Come and be impressed!



Great Space Witchford

£200,000
EPC D

Three bedroom detached property offering delightfully spacious rooms with unique windows allowing maximum light into the rooms. Ref: 7832

Call for more information!



Guide Price
Light and bright **£205,000 - £215,000**

Haddenham EPC E

The current owner chose this house for its bright and airy feel, with front and rear patio doors. Ref: 8277
Let's get you round!



Calling all Families Ely

£280,000 - £300,000
EPC D

Fantastic four bedroom family home in an established development in Ely. The seller explained that he loved the quiet cul de sac within the city, with the A10. Ref: 8346

Detached family home
Four bedrooms
Two receptions plus study
Could this suit you?

Double garage
Cul de sac location
South facing garden



Guide Price
Potential **£175,000 - £185,000**

Littleport EPC E

A former small holding sitting on approximately 1/3 of an acre (STS), this three bedroom detached house is in Make this yours!



Guide Price
£150,000 - £160,000
Ideal Family Home

Littleport
EPC D

An ideal family home, our seller has loved living in this three bedroom semi detached property, set close to many amenities within Littleport. The light and airy rooms drew her to the property. Ref: 8476

Call to book your viewing!



Guide Price
£135,000 - £145,000
Great Presentation

Soham
EPC C

This deceptively spacious two bedroom terraced property is beautifully presented by our sellers. They love nothing more than an evening meal in the conservatory followed by a glass of wine. Ref: 8491

Come and see this!



Guide Price
Tucked Away **£150,000 - £160,000**

Sutton EPC C

Modern two bedroom double fronted home in the Village of Sutton. Ref: 8018
You've got to see this!



Guide Price
Fantastic Interior **£179,950 - £184,950**

Littleport EPC C

Can a home be better presented than this four bedroom, semi detached house in Littleport? Ref: 7888
Come see for yourself!



Views Over Farmland **£205,000**

Ten Mile Bank EPC E

Beautiful three bedroom former farmhouse situated on a 1/4 acre plot built circa 1870 and has many original features. Ref: 7794
Rural life without feeling remote!



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Little Downham



EPC D



£385,000

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- Detached Home
- Desirable Village of Little Downham
- Extensive Garden
- Sitting Room with Open Fire

- Kitchen Breakfast Room
- Four Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Call Branch for Details

Ely



EPC D

O/O £280,000 01353 809354

- Family Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms

Welney



EPC D



£300,000

01353 809354

- Ideal Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Study & Dining Room

- Beautifully Presented Gardens
- Driveway
- Viewing Recommended
- Call Branch for Details

Littleport



EPC D

O/O £240,000 01353 809354

- Five Bedrooms
- Sitting Room & Kitchen/Diner
- Sunroom
- Front & Side Gardens

Customer service

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Littleport



EPC C

O/O £230,000 01353 809354

- Family Property
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Garage & Garden

Ely



EPC Awaited

£200,000

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- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Sitting Room
- Kitchen/Dining Room



- One Bedroom Annexe
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage
- Call Branch for Details

March



EPC Awaited

O/O £170,000

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- Detached House
- Lounge
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking



- Double Garage
- Side & Rear Gardens
- Viewing Recommended
- Call Branch for Details

Littleport



EPC D

O/O £150,000 01353 809354

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Sitting Room
- Conservatory

Soham



EPC E

£145,000

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- Victorian Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Dining Room
- Shower Room & En Suite Bathroom



- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Tenanted until February 2014
- Call Branch for Details
- Viewing Recommended

Sutton



EPC D

O/O £140,000 01353 809354

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens

Littleport



EPC D

O/O £130,000 01353 809354

- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Garden Room
- Off Road Parking

Chatteris



EPC Awaited

£125,000 01353 809354

- Detached Cottage
- Ideal First Time Buyer or Investment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Garage

Wimblington



EPC C

£120,000

01353 809354

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- One Double Bedroom
- Sitting Room
- Conservatory



- Driveway Parking
- Garage
- Viewing Recommended
- Call Branch for Details

Soham



EPC D

£93,995 01353 809354

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Double Bedroom
- Sitting Room
- Bathroom

Witchford



- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- Call Branch for Details



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Littleport £495

A well presented 1 bedroom first floor flat located just a short walk from the centre and 5 minutes walk from the mainline rail station. EPC Rating: D
 ■ Available Now
 ■ Unfurnished
 ■ Deposit £750



Soham £525

Situated in the central area of this well served village offering local shops and amenities is this spacious 1 bedroom coach house style flat. EPC Rating: C
 ■ Available 03/10/2013
 ■ Unfurnished
 ■ Deposit £800



Littleport £550

Well presented 3 bedroom home offering easy access to local facilities including sports centre, primary schooling and mainline rail station. EPC Rating: C
 ■ Available Now
 ■ Unfurnished
 ■ Deposit £825



Stretham £575

A modern 1 bedroom home located just a short hop from the main village centre with public house/restaurant and Post Office/convenience store. EPC Rating: D
 ■ Available 09/09/2013
 ■ Unfurnished
 ■ Deposit £875



Soham £685

A detached 3 bedroom family home located in this popular village with easy access to Ely, Newmarket and Cambridge. EPC Rating: D
 ■ Available 14/10/2013
 ■ Unfurnished
 ■ Deposit £1050



Coveney £695

This 3 bedroom bungalow is a converted former barn located on a working farm offering stunning open views over the countryside. EPC Rating: E
 ■ Available Now
 ■ Unfurnished
 ■ Deposit £1050



Sutton £1,100

This well presented 4 bedroom family home is located in this popular village offering primary school & good road links. EPC Rating: C
 ■ Available Now
 ■ Unfurnished
 ■ Deposit £1650



Sutton £1,200

A modern 4 bedroom family home situated in this well served village offering easy access to Cambridge, Newmarket and Huntingdon. EPC Rating: C
 ■ Available 01/10/2013
 ■ Unfurnished
 ■ Deposit £1800

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Sutton: £185,000



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The charity driveout in aid of Milton-based East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) set off after coffee to Horning where 30 Aston Martins and 15,000bhp drove north in one extremely elegant and well-upholstered convoy.

Upon arrival, the group parked up their £3m selection at Bewilderwood in Hoveton, where they posed for pictures with the beautiful vehicles, attracting a lot of attention from passers-by.

Everyone then set off into the village of Horning to board the Southern Comfort Mississippi River Boat. The group enjoyed a



HEADING FOR THE BROADS: Aston Martins leave Harston

leisurely trip down the River Bure engulfed in stunning scenery where they got the chance to meet other Aston Martin owners and make new friends. A delightful lunch was provided on board before the boat returned the group to the village for the depar-

ture home. The Aston Martin customers raised £622 for EACH, a donation the hospice staff are thrilled about.

Everyone had a fantastic time and Lancaster Cambridge received some fantastic feedback

from the event. John Lewis said: "It was a superb day, great company and a very enjoyable time on the boat, with good food and wonderful weather... what more could you ask for!"

"Your organisation of the event was first class," said Paul Savage, "and I hope the event raised lots of money for the hospices. It certainly showed the cars off to their very best."

Finally, exclaimed Alistair Lawson: "It was such an impressive sight to be part of the convoy, I know I was envying some of the other cars in the convoy - we were in the old V8, and sitting behind a Rapide S as it took off, was quite something."

For more information on the events held at Lancaster Cambridge or for any other enquiries please call the dealership on (01223) 875600 where the team will be more than happy to help.



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Renault offers start

IN readiness for the rush on new 63-plate registrations next month, Renault has launched its latest promotion, 'Vive Le Summer'.

Running from this month until September 22, every customer who takes a test drive in any new Renault model will win something in the giveaway. The range of designer summer-themed prizes includes everything from White Company picnic baskets, Lacoste sunglasses, to travel speakers. On certain dates, iPad minis will also be on offer to Renault purchasers.

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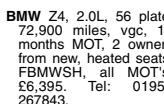


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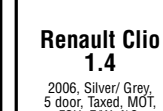
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> Cricket



Eyes on the ball: Ely fielders await a nick from Longstanton's Jon Newman.

Late drama in thrilling draw

THERE was plenty of nail biting when City of Ely hosted Longstanton Grasshoppers and the Mr Cricket CCA Senior League, Division Two match ended in a tie.

Ian Calvert top-scored with 64 for Longstanton in their opening salvo of 194 for 8, with Sam Stewart (30), Jake Fordham (26) and Jon Newman (20) also contributing.

And Calvert (3 for 39) and Rob Salaman (2 for 39) bowled well as Ely also closed with 194 runs on the board, with nine wickets down.

Ely captain Ed Aniskowicz, who saw Ben Storey take four wickets and Tom Beaumont make his first 50 of the season, said: "We were quite relieved to get the tie in the end. It was a topsy-turvy game."

Chris Palmer's undefeated 108 was in vain as bottom side Babraham lost again, this time by eight wickets at Chatteris in CCA Senior League, Division One.

His knock enabled the visitors to register 220 for 5, but Kurt Cunningham (65) and Peter Munns, who made 110 not out, put on 134 for the second wicket as the hosts responded with 221 for 2.

And Cunningham and Matt Hollis guided Chatteris II to success over Cherry Hinton in the Junior Cup final at Clare College Sports Ground.

Cunningham carried his bat for 123 and shared an unbroken 157-run partnership with Hollis (68 not out) to steer the team to 209 for 3 in the 36th over.



Good action: Ely's Duncan Fraser bowls against Longstanton on Saturday.

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> Triathlon

Sole leads the Mepal Tri-umphs

ELY Tri Club demonstrated they are a force to be reckoned with as they registered three age-group wins at a Cambridge Triathlon Club event at the weekend.

Unfortunately, due to blue and green algae issues with the lake at the Mepal Outdoor Centre, the Olympic-distance triathlon was turned into a duathlon, with competitors running, cycling and then running again.

Both runs were 6km, with a 40km cycle around the villages of Cambridgeshire sandwiched in between.

Andy Sole was seventh overall and came top in the 40-44 age group, while the in-form Graham Chapman eased to success in the 55-59 age category.

Hayler Turner continued to show her class with victory in the female 40-44 age range.

And Gary Wilberforce was third in the competitive 25-29 age group.

That result also meant Wilberforce finished 20th in the overall rankings to complete a good day.

The triathlon club continues to go from strength to strength.

And the event clearly showcased the talent currently blossoming within the club.

> Cycling

Unstoppable Havis takes home Ely & District cup

RORY Havis held off the threat posed by 25 other riders as he lifted Ely & District CC/JY Cycles' Cox Cup.

The club's latest time-trial took place on a course starting out at Witchford and heading towards Sutton, before turning back towards Witchford.

And Havis clocked a winning time of 21min 40sec as he finished a good distance ahead of runner-up Stephen Mavin, who crossed the line in 22.34.

Mavin's time meant he just did enough to see off the challenge of third-placed Alan Newark.

Colin and Celia Whitechurch joined the riders as they took on the course on their tandem, and they finished in 24.16.

Full result: 1 Rory Havis 21min

40sec, 2 Stephen Mavin 22.34, 3 Alan Newark 22.35, 4 Matt Eley 22.44, 5 Cliff Loveday 23.12, 6 Steve Presland 23.13, 7 Chris Brown 23.31, 8 Robert Golding 23.35, 9 Martin Brown 23.49, 10 Graham Chapman 24.13, 11 Andy Stephen 24.45, 12 Michael Greunberger 24.57, 13 Chris Barnes 24.59, 14 John Jerry 25.05, 15 Dom Whitehead 25.13, 16 Nigel Leadbeater 25.21, 17 Will Sheppard 25.24, 18 Martin Holland 26.00, 19 Glen Clark 26.01, 20 Stephen Croft 26.31, 21 David Neilson 26.45, 22 Derek Rickets 27.25, 23 Rob Garnham 28.31, 24 Bob Tavener 28.44, 25 Paul Hayden 31.16, 26 Ed Green 31.31.

Tandem: Colin Whitechurch and Celia Whitechurch 24.16.



> Sailing

A FORMER head girl of King's School, Ely, was one of an all-female army sailing team competing in the Fastnet Race for the first time.

Royal Engineer Major Saskia Hart, 35, was the mate in the eight-woman team sailing aboard Redcoat, a Sigma 38 yacht.

Hart sets sail in Fastnet Race

Saskia, from Bury St. Edmunds, said: "It is an incredible opportunity to be selected to take part in such a prestigious race as the Fastnet and to represent the Army. "I started sailing as a

teenager but only began sail racing when I joined the Army.

"The Army gave me the opportunity to take part in high profile events as a novice racer by using its boats and learning from

experienced skippers who encouraged newcomers like me. Ten years later, I have become qualified and experienced enough to take out my own crews but not yet under race conditions."

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Sawyer and Hall hit the net as Soham seal win

Robins grounded

GOALS either side of half time from James Hall and Ben Sawyer helped Soham to a 2-1 win at AFC Sudbury in the Ryman League, Division One North on Tuesday night.

The visitors were ahead four minutes before half time when Hall finished off a counter-attack.

However, they were indebted to goalkeeper Dan Bircham for preserving their lead by saving a Matt Daniels penalty before half-time.

Bircham could do nothing to stop Jamie Forshaw levelling on the hour, but just six minutes later Sudbury were hit on the counter again when Sawyer slotted home to secure Soham their first win of the season.

Luke Stanley was on target for Soham as they kicked off last Saturday with a 1-1 draw at home to Harlow.

Stanley gave Rangers the edge just before half time after being put through by Hall on his return to Julius Martin Lane following a spell with Thurlow Nunn League side Godmanchester.

The hosts had already had several chances prior to the goal while manager Steve Fallon felt his side were also denied a penalty for a foul just



Cuts like a knife: Luke Stanley opens the scoring for Soham against Harlow.

inside the area on Stanley.

But the visitors levelled midway through the second half following poor defending from a free kick.

Fallon said he was happy enough with a point despite feeling Soham could have

killed the game off.

He said: "We were on top first half and I think we should maybe have been two or three ahead."

"The second half was a bit more even and overall both teams won't have too much

argument about a draw.

"It was a good performance because Harlow are a much better side than they were last year."

"Both sides were probably more relieved not to have lost more than anything though."

Fallon feels Hall could prove a good signing following the departure of Robbie Mason.

He said: "We signed him in the middle of last week and he played really well."

Soham are away to Redbridge this Saturday.

ELY City succumbed 3-1 at home to Newmarket Town in their first Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division derby of the season on Tuesday night.

Ed Curtis put the Jockeys in front after 25 minutes and a header from Matty Bonner doubled the lead just after the half-hour mark.

Lee Clift made it 3-0 10 minutes after the break but City pulled a goal back two minutes later from the penalty spot through Lewis McDonald after a foul by Bonner.

The hosts piled on the pressure in the second half but they could not comeback.

Sloppy goals in the first half cost Ely dear as they lost their opening game of the season 3-1 at Gorleston on Saturday.

The Robins fell behind in the 25th minute.

More slack defending five minutes later gifted the hosts a second and after the break Gorleston then extended their lead to go 3-0 in front.

Richard Chadwick reduced the arrears but despite dominating, City were unable to add to their tally.

"It was always going to be tough there," said City boss Alan Alsop.

"We shot ourselves in the foot in the first half, conceding sloppy goals. Both of them were stoppable."

"We played well but you can't afford to give away silly goals to teams like that."

Ely are at home to Sleaford in the FA Cup.



On the charge: Soham's Ben Sawyer holds off an opponent.

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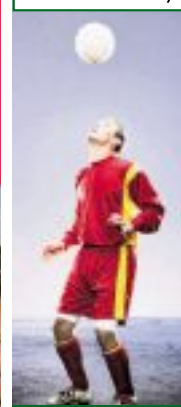
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